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THE KEY TO A MILLION AND A QUARTER HOMES

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A VALENTINE.

From the meadow your walks have left
so sweet
That whenever a March-wind sighs
He sets the jewel-print of your feet
In violets blue as your eyes,
To the woody hollows in which we meet,
And the valleys of Paradise.

The slender acacia would not shake
One long milk-bloom on the tree ;
The white lake-blossoms fell into the
lake,

As the pimpernel dozed on the lea ;
But the rose was awake all night for
your sake,

Knowing your promise to me ;
The lilies and roses were all awake,
They sighed for the dawn and thee.

Queen rose of the rose-bud garden of
girls,
Come hither ! the dances are done ;
In gloss of satin and glimmer of pearls,
Queen lily and rose in one ;
Shine out, little head, sunning over with
curls,

To the flowers and be their sun.

There has fallen a splendid tear
From the passion flower at the gate,
She is coming, my dove, my dear ;
She is coming, my life, my fate !

The red rose cries, "She is near, She is
near ;"

The larkspur listens, "I hear, I hear ;"
And the lily whispers, "I wait."

She is coming, my own, my sweet ;
Were it ever so airy a tread,
My heart would hear her and beat,
Were it earth in an earthly bed ;
My dust would hear her and beat,
Had I lain for a century dead ;
Would start and tremble under her feet,
And blossom in purple and red.

— Alfred Tennyson.

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florid and fat, and evidently one of those ubiquitous male monsters whose only aim is to live peacefully and quietly. He seemed to me to be exceedingly nervous.

The other man was an undersized fellow, who looked more like a Whitechapel tough than anything else, and whose only trouble seemed to be the good suit of clothes and collar he wore—a species of ornamentation to which he was apparently not accustomed.

As we reached the last exhibit of all, the Wakefield tower where the Regalia or Crown Jewels are kept, the warden who had us in charge, and whose one object seemed to be to finish as soon as possible, made it plain that we were to satisfy our curiosity as rapidly as might be consistent with good taste.

As we entered the hall I noticed casually an equestrian statue which stood just at the head of the stairway. It was of horse and man clad in full armor, and very like some of those on exhibition in the Armory. Why it was not there with the others I could not and cannot imagine. The young man whose clothes did not fit examined this relic with interest, and I noticed as we passed from the main hall into the long room where the glass cases containing the jewels are disposed, that he was loitering behind, still intent on his inspection.

It would be superfluous to say a word of the splendid exhibit, including the crowning glory of it all, the great diamond—the Kohinoor—even if I had given it sufficient attention to impress its splendors on my memory. But on the contrary I was busy watching the two strange men and the woman. Their actions had appeared suspicious from the first, and now they were doubly so.

Suddenly pandemonium cast loose in the hall outside. It was as if a whirlwind had visited a tin shop and was making sport with all the tinware together. The warden sprang through the door followed by Allie and my wife, with Harry close behind. I, too, started to follow, and then, prompted by some impulse, looked back. The woman threw up her hands and fell forward onto the glass case, which went to pieces with a crash; then she slid to the floor and struggled for an instant. The fattish man instead of going to her assistance started for the door. I ran to her and supported her head. There was a sound of hurrying footsteps and several warders ran in; one who appeared to be in authority ordered her to be taken up carefully and carried out into the hall, while the doors of the treasure room were locked.

Out in the hall we found that the clatter had been caused by the armored statue of horse and man, which had fallen down the whole length of the stone stairway. The woman was laid out on the floor and two of the warders were fanning her awkwardly, while a number of others stood about and offered good advice. The two men of the woman's party had disappeared completely.

I judged that we had had excitement enough for one afternoon, and so gathered my party and slipped away unobserved. Of course we discussed it and wondered over it, as we strolled along, until we found ourselves on the Strand, where we viewed the city at quitting time, when everybody was hurrying homeward. It was very entertaining. At last we came to a place where a crowd surrounded a bulletin. There seemed to be considerable excitement, and we understood several people to shout the word "Kohinoor." Harry tried to edge his way into the crowd in search of information, but unsuccessfully; just then a newsman came along bearing a placard announcing an extra edition of the *Gazette*, in staring letters:

THEFT OF THE KOHINOOR. DARING ROBBERY.

Scotland Yard has a Clue.

I understood it all now; the nervousness of the man and the suspicious actions of all of them; the overthrow of the armored statue, which distracted attention while the woman broke the case and secured the priceless jewel. She had tossed it to the man, who made off at once. As we walked on toward the hotel I explained to the others how we had looked on while as bold a robbery as the annals of the police could show was being perpetrated.

"Not a word of this," I cautioned. "We don't want to be implicated, or dragged into court as witnesses at the best." And then we fell to discussing the robbery in all its phases, just as every one else in London was doing.

That night after dinner, the ladies having gone up-stairs, Harry and I started out to see something of the streets by night. The City proper is a dull place in the evening, and after a tramp of an hour or so we took a cab and drove over Whitechapel way. Even here there was little to be seen out of doors that was different from the sights at like time in similar parts of New York. We finally descended from the cab, and after dismissing the driver, proceeded on foot. In changing my clothes I had left all my money at the hotel, and found it necessary to call on Harry to foot the bill.

After tramping around for a bit we felt thirsty enough to patronize a low-looking bar room that stood conveniently open. It was very natural that we should be thirsty, and yet I have never been able to shake myself entirely free of the conviction that fate sent us after that beer.

An ill-favored bar-tender presided behind the

THE MAN THAT WOMEN WRITE TO.

There's a man in Buffalo, who has without doubt, a larger number of women correspondents than any other person, man or woman, in the entire country. And yet not one in a thousand of the women who write have ever seen the man they write to. For after all it's not the man they write to but the physician. There's no sex in medicine. The physician with this extensive correspondence is Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Undoubtedly Doctor Pierce owes his great popularity among women to his many and wonderful cures of that class of diseases known as "female troubles." To the treatment and cure of these diseases he has given over thirty years of his professional life, and has established himself as the specialist par excellence in the treatment of diseases peculiar to women.

The esteem in which Dr. Pierce is held by women is not to be wondered at when it is known that in the thirty years, and over, in which he has given attention to woman's diseases, he has, aided by his staff of nearly a score of experienced and skilled specialists, treated over a half a million women, and with such success that ninety-eight out of every hundred

artifice to draw away attention from the fact that they do not and cannot offer the advice of a qualified physician. But women are quick to see that a woman unless educated in medicine and qualified to practice, can give no advice upon disease that would not be liable to be as dangerous as the disease itself. For there is no place where ignorance is so dangerous as when it undertakes to meddle with a woman's health.

That class of advertisers who raise the cry of "write to a woman" are getting to be known as "bearded women," because the "woman in the case" is a mere figure-head, a stalking horse to shelter the man who preys on women's confidence. An example of the peculiarly preposterous claims made by these people, is found in the claim that a "man can't understand a woman—just because he is a man." The only way in which this can be interpreted as true is by accepting the statement in its bare literalness as of man and woman. But it is to be noticed that there is a vast difference when you qualify the terms man and woman by the term physician. How easy it would be for such advertisers to say, "write to a woman physician because a man physician cannot understand a woman, just because he is a man." How easy it would be to do this if the "woman" who invites correspondence could or dared write M. D. after her name, and even then, how preposterous the statement would remain. For two

Any sick woman can have the benefit of consultation by letter with Dr. Pierce absolutely without fee or charge of any kind.

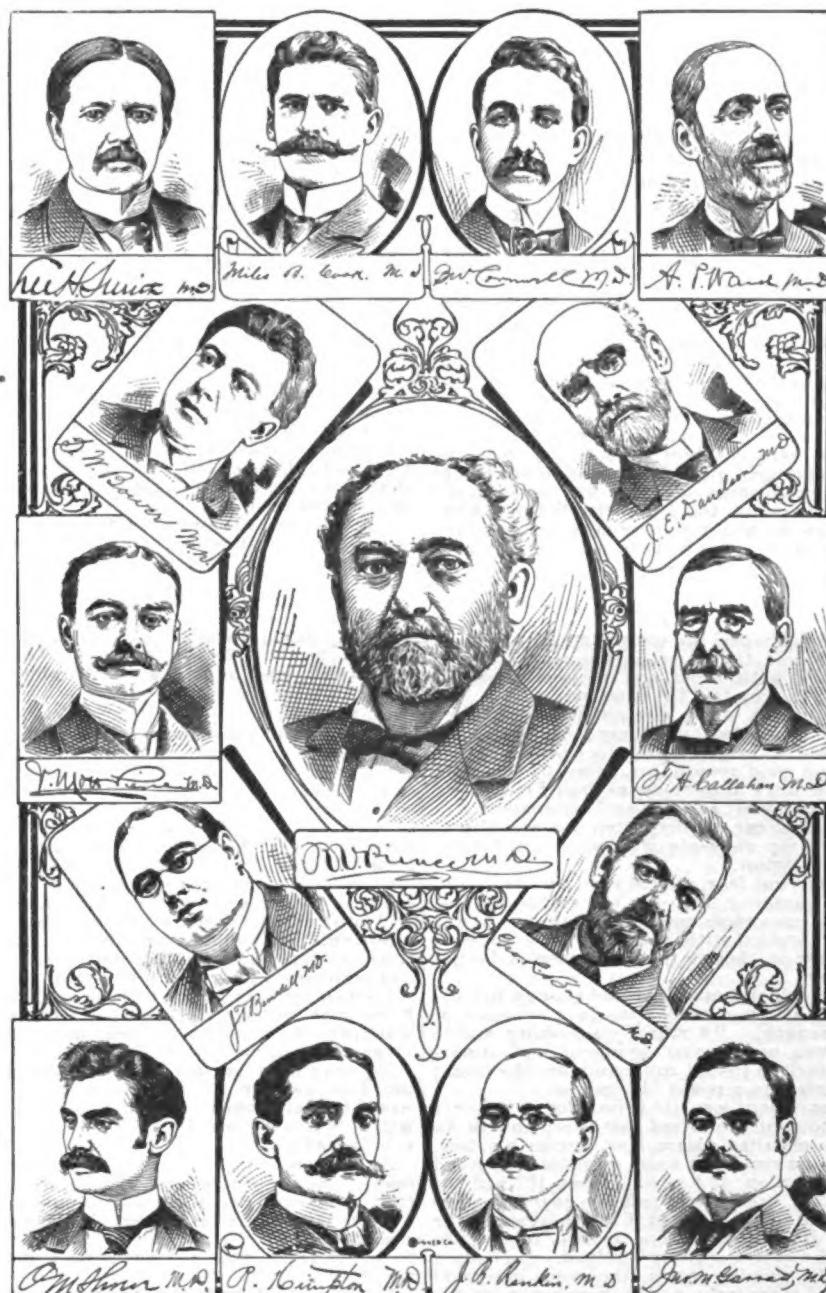
More than half a million invalid women have been successfully treated by Doctor Pierce, aided by his staff of skilled specialists through the medium of correspondence. In this way disagreeable questioning and abhorrent examinations and "local treatments" are avoided.

The world at large knows of Doctor Pierce, chiefly as the inventor of the two well-known remedies, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. And it is probably the case, that in general, Dr. Pierce's remedies are classed with all the other "patent medicines," and Dr. Pierce himself ranked with those "doctors" whose degrees are purely honorary or assumed, and no more stand for medical knowledge or experience, than the familiar title of "Major" in some sections of our country, signifies that the bearer of it is familiar with siege and battle. Dr. Pierce does not belong to the class of doctors whose titles are by courtesy only. He is a doctor by choice, a doctor by education, a doctor by practice and experience.

Dr. Pierce's remedies differ from most medicines, in the fact that they contain no alcohol, whiskey or other intoxicant, and are absolutely free from opium and every other narcotic drug. For no other medicine prepared exclusively for the use of women, as is "Favorite Prescription," can such a claim be truthfully made.

The difference between Dr. Pierce's establishment and all "patent medicine" establishments is very remarkable, and is apparent at once to every person who has had the opportunity of actually comparing Dr. Pierce's laboratory with that of any other institution. For instance, since Dr. Pierce has advertised to give free consultation by letter, many have imitated the advertisements and make an exactly similar offer. As far as the advertisements go they make just as good a showing as Dr. Pierce's. But go to these other establishments and ask to see the "doctor," who gives medical advice, and you'll find, nine times out of ten, that there is no doctor connected with the establishment. Compare this with Dr. Pierce's Institution, the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, with its staff of nearly a score of graduated and experienced doctors, busy every day in actual practice, its great special laboratory and dispensary, from which special medicines and auxiliary treatment are sent out daily to all parts of the country, its hospital with its surgical and mechanical appliances and operating rooms. In such a comparison you see at a glance that there is no institution equal to Dr. Pierce's in the whole country.

In the work of the World's Dispensary, and Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, there is real philanthropy as well as real medical and surgical skill. The best recognition of the philanthropic aspect of this work comes from the citizens of Buffalo, Dr. Pierce's home town, who elected him State Senator, and later gave him a seat in Congress. From the latter position Dr. Pierce resigned before the expiration of his term. That he should prefer to give up a high and honorable position in the councils of the Nation, to serve the sick, is conclusive evidence of his devotion to their interests and of love for his profession. Perhaps we can offer our readers no better summing up of Dr. Pierce and his work than that of President Garfield, who said, "He is one of the best men in the world, and he is at the head of one of the best institutions in the world."



DR. R. V. PIERCE AND SOME OF THE PROMINENT SPECIALISTS OF HIS STAFF.

treated have been absolutely and altogether cured.

Doubtless there are other reasons why multitudes of women consult Dr. Pierce by letter and as not the least among such reasons women would set down the friendly, even fatherly advice which the age and experience of Dr. Pierce enable him to give as supplemental to the advice and instructions of the physician. Women, also, are not slow to remember that Dr. Pierce, through his method of consultation by correspondence was the first physician to offer them relief from the unpleasant questions, the offensive examinations and the local treatments, generally inseparable from the treatment of diseases of women by local practitioners.

Of course, Dr. Pierce has had many imitators who steal the terms which his advertisements have made familiar, to use them as their "catch-words," and so to draw the attention of women in their direction. The most noticeable feature of these imitations is that, women with dangerous diseases are urged to consult by letter some one who is not a physician, and has neither the educational ability nor the legal right to treat disease. And sometimes, because it is impossible for these advertisers to lay claim to the title of physician, they raise a clamor of "write to a woman." "Woman understands woman," hoping doubtless by this

thousand years the practice of medicine has been entirely in the hands of men, as it is in general to-day. Woman in medicine is a new thing, so new that she has not entered to any known extent into the field of surgery. Whatever any woman practitioner has learned of medicine, she must have learned in schools, taught by men, and from books written by men. What a paradox therefore is presented in the claim that the man who has taught woman all she knows about medicine, does not know anything about medicine himself.

Women who are educated in medicine would be the first to laugh at such statements. It's only the woman of the advertisements, the "woman" for revenue only, and who is not a physician, who can afford to make such amazing and ridiculous claims.

But this side issue has led us somewhat afield from Dr. Pierce and his great host of women correspondents. To these the doctor stands a sort of father confessor of things physical. Every letter is read privately, answered privately, and its contents guarded as sacredly as becomes such confessions. And as many women are naturally sensitive about their ailments even the replies are mailed, carefully and securely sealed in a perfectly plain envelope, without printing or advertising upon it, that there may be no third party to this correspondence.

counter, aided and abetted by a slouchy-looking young woman with her sleeves rolled up above her elbows. Several roughs lounged along the counter, and a number of others sat on more or less fragmentary chairs about the square room, the middle floor-space of which was occupied by a cripple who executed a shuffling dance. We got a pot of beer apiece and sat together on a bench against one of the walls, a flimsy partition with a door in it, and tried to enjoy the show. We had scarcely settled ourselves when there was an interruption. A man and a woman entered. She was closely veiled, and paused only long enough to nod at the bar-tender, before disappearing through the door near our bench. The loungers forgot the cripple and stared after her. But I was looking at her companion, who followed her through the door and slammed it shut. The woman's figure had struck me as familiar, but the man I positively recognized as he of the ill-fitting clothes at the Tower.

Interest centered in the dancer again, and I took the occasion to impart to Harry my conviction that these were two of the thieves of the Kohinoor. He was all excitement in an instant and wanted to run in and capture them regardless of consequences. But I was more prudent, and leaving him to keep watch sauntered carelessly out.

It is not so easy to find a cab in some parts of London as one might imagine, but finally I caught one and gave the driver orders to post for Scotland Yard. Then, recollecting that I had no money, I checked him long enough to tell him to make the Metropole first. We arrived and I started through the lobby toward the lift. Just as I passed the clerk's desk I heard him say, "There he goes now!" and the man to

whom this was addressed hurried after me. He touched me on the shoulder and said, "I am Inspector Smith of Scotland Yard, Mr. Gregory. I would like to speak to you." For an instant I was elated, and then remembering that we had reason to fear our connection with the escapade of the afternoon, my heart stood still. His first words sealed my doom. "You were at the Tower this afternoon!"

Before I could collect myself to reply, a man in uniform ran up to the Inspector and made some announcement in a whisper. The Inspector dropped me like a hot cake, and without so much as a word of explanation ran out of the hotel. I thought I was free but the man in uniform seemed to think otherwise. He caught me by the arm. "Come!" he said.

"What for?"

"H'ask no questions."

"Am I under arrest?"

"H'I dunno. Th' Inspector 'ad ye, h'and h'aint goin' t' letcha go!"

So we went, and got into a cab (not my cab) and were soon tearing down into Whitechapel. Eventually we pulled up at the very barroom where I had left Harry on watch. But before describing the scene that took place on our arrival I will let Harry relate what happened during my absence, as he recounted it to me later.

"After you stepped out," said Harry, "I discovered that by resting my head against the partition at my back I could catch the hum of voices on the other side, very subdued. There was so much noise out around the bar that I could at first make nothing of the dialogue within. Just then it comes a man who is no other than the one you call the husband of the woman—the fattish man as you call him. He had in tow a Sheeny—second-hand clothing man, fence, pawn-broker or whatever you like. The fattish man motioned the Jew to a chair and went and knocked at the door near my seat. They let him in and I heard the woman cry—sort of soft—"Have you got it? have you got it?"

"He must have handed her something for she said, 'Oh, so beau, my beauty! Millions of dollars! ... you bring the Jew?'"

"F's h' outside."

"Bring him in!"

"The man opened the door and beckoned to the pawn-broker. When they had him inside I heard him cry, 'Tue Kohinoor! You have stell t' Kohinoor!' There was a gurgle as though some one had caught him by the throat and I heard the woman say, 'Not a word, you hound! Peace and you're a dead Jew. Now tell me what that is worth and how we can get rid of it.'

"You can't not sell that," was the reply. "Unless—"

"Unless what?"

"Unless you cut him up. And you must take him out of Englan' to do it."

"You gotten divvy with h'us before you take that h'out of h'Eng.and," growled the fattish man's voice.

"It it suits me I will take it," retorted the woman sharply. "But it doesn't. Couldn't we break it?" this to the Jew.

"Yuss—with a hammer."

"You can guess, Gregory, that I was wild at hearing that. But I was afraid to do anything. They got a hammer from the bar-tender and I heard one of them pound the stone several times, while the woman stood and said, 'Carefull careful!'

"Then the stone broke and from the expression of satisfaction it was just right. One of them said there must be a hundred pieces. The woman ordered the two men to go and bring in 'all those cursed fences' she had spoken to. They both went, and after some time the fattish man returned with several Jews, and then the smaller man with some others. They all filed into the room and there was some whispering. I judged that the woman unwrapped the cloth in which they had broken the stone; then I heard a sound—Hoo—like somebody laughing.

"What's the matter, you ape?" demanded the woman.

"It's glass!" said the voice of the first Jew.

"Glass!"

"There was a shuffling sound as they moved forward to look, and then they laughed too. The woman screamed and there was another sound as though some one had fallen in a faint. And just then you came in, while I was still sitting there listening."

As Harry said, he was sitting on the bench by the partition when my captor and I entered. All the loungers were staring at the partition door, aroused by the woman's scream. Just then the window behind the bar burst open and Inspector Smith plunged through followed by several constables, while a number of them came in from the street. There was instant uproar, which redoubled when they broke into the side room.

The littlest man butted down two policemen and escaped. The fattish man broke through the door and gave Harry a chance to knock him down with a chair. The woman fought like the tigress I had thought her. When she was finally subdued, the inspector had a clawed face and a broken finger.

"The diamond is imitation," I said, as he emerged into the bar.

"I had thought as much," he said. "They would hardly put the real gem on exhibition. But we've got the woman—an American, and the smoothest the Yankees ever produce!"

"I am sorry my man inconvenienced you," he continued. "I did not mean for him to bring you along. You and your party will prove valuable witnesses; you intend to stay in London, of course."

"We came with the intention of staying two weeks," I replied guardedly. And then we said good-night.

"We are going to France," I announced, on reaching the hotel. "Neither of you ladies want any police-court notoriety, and the warders will be good enough witnesses." We went.

"And to think," said Allie, as our steamer drew into the harbor of Calais, "that woman was an American!"

"English they be and Japanese. That hang on the Brown Bear's flank, And some be Scot, but the worst, God wot, And the boldest thieves be Yank!"

THE MAN IN THE UPPER BERTH.

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HERE are still many people in western Pennsylvania who remember well the celebrated case of Crayfoot vs. Sinclair. Not only was it one of the hardest fought legal battles of the times, but the verdict, based on the eleventh hour technicality proved a most overwhelming surprise even to the victorious counsel for the defense.

For many reasons not here necessary to explain, the experience had been one of a particularly trying nature to myself. I had, however, borne up well during the heat of conflict, but no sooner had the enormous strain been removed than I felt myself the veriest wreck, both mentally and physically.

Tormented by forebodings of a serious illness, my only thought was to reach home at the earliest possible moment after the completion of my legal duties.

Court adjourned sine die at 4:30 P. M. The first train out was four hours later, an express making but two intermediate stops, one at Altruria, the other at Hammersburg.

Therefore it was that 8:15 P. M. found me in waiting at the depot and my associate members of the bar attending a banquet which had at the last moment been tendered them by prominent townspeople.

The train was late and as I paced the floor restlessly I was electrified to see our client, Sinclair, elbowing his way through the crowded waiting room. He approached me hurriedly.

"Here, Cartwright, do me a favor, will you? Just take this into the office in the morning. There's an even ten thousand and they'll need it before noon. Came near forgetting it!"

I could hardly refuse to take charge of the money, though I must confess to no slight degree of nervousness when it was once in my possession. And, too, I felt irritated in the extreme that he had not chosen some less conspicuous place in which to make known his errand. Even while he was speaking I had noticed one man of sinister countenance watching us with strange intentness. And though no coward, a sensation of mingled depression and annoyance laid so strong and immediate hold upon me that for the moment I would have hailed with relief any reasonable excuse for deferring my trip till morning.

But my berth in the sleeper was already engaged, I had telegraphed my wife when she might for a certainty expect me and there seemed no good reason for delay. I threw off my momentary uneasiness as best I could and laughed at myself as weak and womanish!

Once in the car my first attention was directed toward my vis-a-vis who also boarded the train at Pittston. A cadaverous face, almost livid in its pallor, with evil-looking, deep-set, black eyes, did not serve to prepossess me in his favor. I was rather impressed with a disagreeable sense of remembrance, though for the moment I did not place him.

He was tall and muscular and though noticeably thin his long, bony arms gave evidence of great strength. "A villainous-looking specimen," was my mental comment, and almost involuntarily I placed my hand on the breast pocket wherein reposed the money.

The movement was ill-timed, for at the very same moment he raised his eyes, and in an instant a peculiar gleam shot across his face. It was gone almost as soon as noted, but I had the satisfaction of knowing that if I had for one second been caught off my guard, even so had he. He was the man I had noticed in the depot! He addressed one or two remarks to me but I was not socially inclined. He had an unusually pleasing voice—the voice of a good man, and singularly not in keeping with his face. He offered me the evening paper. I declined it with scant courtesy. Then he beckoned to the porter with whom he seemed on semi-confidential terms. They conversed for some minutes in subdued tones, and from their frequent furtive glances in my direction I had no difficulty in divining their topic of conversation. The man had seen Sinclair give me the package, and had doubtless overheard his request. He was now planning with the negro how best to secure the money!

I must admit that I felt more disturbed than I cared to confess even to myself. I sized up the other passengers. It chanced oddly enough that although the car was crowded there were not all told half a dozen men present. The porter went his way and his confederate leaned back in apparent slumber. I was not to be deceived. I knew he was watching me as a cat watches a mouse and not for one minute did I relax my vigilance!

At ten o'clock we both retired. My neighbor, who by the way occupied the upper berth, settled himself at once.

In spite of previous weariness I had no thought of sleep, and all through the early hours of the night I lay with every muscle tense, every sense alert. But I could hear nothing beyond the gentle, monotonous hum-m-m of the cars along the rails.

Occasionally I felt rather than heard the porter creeping softly—it seemed to me stealthily—along between the berths.

At Altruria there was some slight commotion caused by the few passengers who left the cars at that point. The stop was not long but hardly had the cars started again when my curtains were pushed softly aside and the porter peered within. I faced him with a fierceness as startling as it must have been unexpected!

"Beg pardon, sah! Is this for you, sah?" and he held a telegram toward me.

I hastily tore open the envelope and by the

dim light read the message. It was from my wife.

"Meet me at Hammersburg."

Helen."

I stared in wide-eyed astonishment! There was surely some mistake. I looked again at the superscription. "John M. Cartwright. To be delivered at Altruria." My name most certainly, and only my wife knew that I was to be on this train.

I read the message over and over again, each time more mystified than before. This new and unexpected turn in my affairs completely eclipsed all else! My friend in the upper berth, the unwelcome money, the scheming porter, all were alike forgotten!

Helen was not a woman of impulse. Coming from her the telegram meant business, of what nature I was unable to determine. There was no alternative, and I made hasty preparations to leave the train at Hammersburg.

I can not tell whether or not I really expected to find Helen in waiting for me at the station. My mind was in so chaotic a state I do not think I had formulated any expectations. At all events she was not there, neither was there any messenger from her.

Indeed, the whole station seemed singularly deserted. Only one or two employees were about and they answered my anxious queries brusquely and were off. And much to my discomfiture the solitary carriage which had been waiting upon my arrival, also disappeared!

I looked about me undecidedly. The electric lights gleamed pale and cold, but beyond their circle of light all was darkest gloom. Three miles distant the lights of the town glimmered faintly. Doubtless my wife was awaiting me there.

All fatigue, all nervousness was swallowed up in my anxiety for her welfare! I buttoned my coat closely over the package of money and prepared to walk the distance.

I had hardly stepped into the darkness when I became aware that some one was approaching from the rear. Some laborer, I thought, whose company would be preferable to none, and I glanced backward with a positive feeling of relief.

In the dim light I could see the figure of a man who walked with loose, shambling gait. As he came nearer I perceived that he was no laborer, but evidently a traveler like myself. He was headed straight towards me, and I paused and faced him.

His manner puzzled me. He came with head bent forward and hat slouched well over his eyes. He took no apparent notice of my presence till within ten feet of me.

Then he stopped suddenly and pushed his hat backward. One glance at the deep-set, glittering eyes, at the livid face, at the bony frame, and I started back as though struck by an electric current! The man in the upper berth stood before me!

For one moment I was as one paralyzed. Then as I fully realized that I had been the victim of a hellish plot, the calmness of despair settled upon me.

I attempted to speak. He looked at me steadily with those horrible eyes and my tongue refused to move. I tried to raise my hand. In vain!

It seemed to me an eternity that we stood facing each other, when I suddenly knew that I was becoming unconscious. I felt no shock, no hurt, no blow, I experienced no sensations other than those of fading vision and failing strength.

I recovered consciousness to find myself bound hand and foot! I could make no sound—a gag had been thrust into my mouth; and I could move only my head. By turning it from side to side. I saw that I was in a room brightly lighted, and unfurnished save for what seemed to be a long table or bench upon which I was laid flat.

From an adjoining room I could hear the sound of two voices, one, a man's, low, deep, and musical; the other, a woman's tearful and pleading. Both voices were distinct, and despite my daze and bewilderment, I had a faint comprehension that both were familiar.

I remembered that I tried to raise my head. As it fell back with a dull thud, there was sudden crash, the door was flung open, and a woman sprang toward me!

Her eyes were red, her hair disordered, and her face swollen and distorted from much weeping, but I knew her, my God! only too well! It was my wife! She knelt by my side sobbing wildly.

And behind her, creeping stealthily, came a man! Again—there was no mistaking that face, those eyes—the man in the upper berth!

He came nearer and nearer, his eyes fixed steadily upon Helen. He raised his hand as if to strike down, and I—I was powerless to prevent!

I shall never forget the supreme agony of that moment! The sweat stood in cold drops upon my brow. Every muscle stood out like a cord, every sinew was strained to its utmost tension!

I made one superhuman effort! I arose, I wrenched my hands asunder, I—awoke!

The porter was shaking me vigorously. "Half an hour to Franklin, sah!"

I looked at him in a stupefied manner. He repeated himself and turned to go. Mechanically I felt for the package of money. It was safe.

I glanced upward. I knew instinctively that the berth was empty. I leaned forward and beckoned the porter back.

"The man in the upper berth?" I questioned.

"Got off at Hammersburg, sah."

"Who was he?" I demanded.

"The Reverend Mr. Brascombe, pastor of The Heavenly Rest, sah!"

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A GRUESOME BOLSTER.

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HEN in 1867 the territory of Alaska was purchased by the United States, there were those who were positive that Russia had made the best of the bargain in spite of the fact that most of the \$7,50,000 purchase money was used in St. Petersburg to satisfy old debts and obligations incurred by Alaskan enterprises, attorneys' fees, etc., so that Russia really gave her American possessions to us without

reaping any direct profit from the transfer. Alaska would prove of no value whatever to us even so, such confidently asserted, but the attention which this region has recently received as a result of the discovery of gold within its borders has revealed to the public at large that it is in reality a priceless possession. Alaska is indeed a wonderful country; its rockbound hills possess a grandeur unparalleled; its sea fisheries are a mine of limitless wealth; its forests the densest and most valuable on the continent; and its mineral resources are incalculable.

But to the casual visitor the most wonderful thing in all Alaska is the quaintness of the people which inhabit it, the Esquimaux. There are eleven tribes of them in all, stretching from the region of Sitka in the south to the ice-bound shores of the Arctic regions on the north. Of these the Haidas are the fairest skin, most

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intelligent and best dispossessed, while Innuits inhabiting the vast region from the Yukon to the Polar Sea are still for the most part savages, practically unaltered by contact with the white man, and still living as did their ancestors from time immemorial. These people still use the spear and bow and arrow of a remote ancestry, live on the flesh of fish and wild animals, and dwell in underground huts appearing from without like little rounded mounds of earth or snow. They know no law and never have, but unlike the native Indians of the great plains of the United States are comparatively peaceable, and offer no injury unless provoked.

They are quite nomadic in their habits, often wandering many hundreds of miles from their homes, and thus it comes about that occasionally one of them will reach the haunts of the white man. If a dispute should happen to arise on these chance visits or liquor be at hand, that fearful curse of the uncivilized peoples of all countries, trouble is quite sure to follow, not infrequently ending in crime. Such an incident occurred during my stay at Fort Yukon some years ago, an Innuitt having committed murder and almost immediately fled to his home in the Arctic s. From the circumstances of the case it was deemed necessary that he should be captured at any cost, and for want of a more suitable deputy, I, being somewhat familiar with the Innuitt language and having seen the fellow, was commissioned to secure him and bring him back to the fort, dead or alive.

It was then late in the fall, the long northern winter had already set in, and the ground was covered deep with snow; but journeying by sledge was comparatively easy, and I at once set out, confident that I should fall in with a band of Innuitt hunters before having gone far, from whom I could doubtless ascertain the whereabouts of the object of my quest. In this hope I was not disappointed, for at the end of the third day's journey I fell in with a company of these little men of the far north returning from their fall hunt in the mountains. Yes, they knew of whom I spoke, Nougishgac was his name, but he had already gone on to the village. However, they invited me to continue on in their company, as he had been one of their number and could doubtless easily be found. What a different reception would have been mine had they in the least suspected the errand upon which I was sent.

After some days' journeying we came at last in sight of a number of low, snow domes huddled together on the bank of a broad river flowing toward the northern sea, the home of the Innuits. Immediately upon our arrival we learned that Nougishgac was dead, having been killed some days before in a quarrel over walrus skin. The family clan of which he was a member were in the midst of the days of mourning over his decease, and in accordance with Innuitt custom, I, coming in quest of the departed, must become the honored guest of his nearest relative!

The season of mourning for the dead among these strange people continues twenty days, during which time the relatives of the deceased abstain from all labor and amusement, and sit motionless in their huts with long drawn faces, in which ceremony the guest is expected also to participate.

Any one who has ever been within an Esquimaux hut with its lack of fresh air, unpleasant odors and choking smoke from the huge, constantly burning stone lamp, can readily imagine that the prospect with which I found myself confronted was not a pleasant one. But to have declined to share the hospitality of the mourners would have been a breach of long established custom dangerous in its consequences, and as it would be necessary for me to remain in the village long enough to verify beyond doubt the truth of Nougishgac's reported death and that no fraud was being perpetrated upon me, I could not but accept the situation with as good a grace as possible.

The first night of my stay or rather that portion of the almost endless night devoted to sleep, I managed to endure comparatively well, though with almost sleepless eyes. Our couch, shared by my host and myself alike, consisted of but a layer of poles merely, to raise our bodies above the damp earth; but our pillow was a huge bolster, five feet or more in length, enclosed in a parka, or cloak, and far from soft. Fain would I have slept with none at all, rather than this ungainly affair, but my host would hear to nothing else than that I should rest my head upon it, and I was finally compelled to humor him in this regard in order to maintain peace and friendship.

Our period of sleep was over at last, and I returned again to a sitting posture while my companion proceeded to throw back the end of the parka enclosing our pillow, and gaze steadfastly upon it. I was overcome with abject horror upon observing that it was a human corpse! Then it was that it recurred to me that when an Innuitt dies in the fall or winter, it being impossible to bury or burn the dead, his relatives preserve the body until spring, carrying it about from place to place with them, and through some unaccountable superstition using it as a pillow at night and looking upon its features each morning upon awakening.

A second discovery which I then made startled me not a little also. The pallid face before me, though disfigured and distorted as the result of the alternate freezing and thawing which it had undergone from the cold and proximity to the oil lamp, was nevertheless easily to be distinguished as that of Nougishgac.

The hours which slowly dragged themselves away from the time of our arising were, quite naturally under the circumstances, devoted as far as I was concerned to devising some means of making my escape from the gruesome hut and the company of the Innuits, and if my face were as anxious and disturbed an expression that morning as did that of the mourning relative, it was not due to any attempt on my part to demonstrate grief over the death of the deceased. What would I not have given at that time for a breath of the fresh, pure air of heaven; to be out again in the sunshine of the winter day, of so short duration though it was; or to have been safely back at the fort again!

It is the practice of the Innuitt males, during their long enforced term of winter idleness, to resort each day at some time during the brief hours of sunlight to the kashga, or house of public meeting, a hut of much larger proportions than any of the others, capable of holding quite a number of persons at one time. When all have assembled fire is kindled and the coals sprinkled with water until the hut is filled with clouds of vapor. Then all throw off their garments and dance wildly about in the steam; beating and flogging themselves with reeds and whips until utterly exhausted with the exertion and the profuse perspiration

which ensues, they fall to the floor, or unable to endure the heat longer make their way out to roll in the snow. This is the most enjoyable experience of any in the life of the Innuitt, and nothing could induce him to absent himself from this performance; even the mourners for the dead cannot restrain their desire to be present, and so it came about that along in the afternoon my host began to display ever increasing symptoms of uneasiness, and finally prepared to absent himself from the hut.

Nothing that he was able to offer could persuade me to accompany him, for well I knew what was about to take place; then, too, here was an opportunity for which I had been anxiously waiting and which I did not propose to allow to escape me unimproved. No sooner had my entertainer disappeared down the long underground passageway which constitutes the exit of an Esquimaux hut, than I began active preparations for a hasty flight. At that moment a plan flashed through my brain which I proceeded to put into execution immediately. I would obey my orders to the letter and take the Innuitt pillow with me.

The attempt which I was about to make was a hazardous one and would end disastrously with me if unsuccessful, but with the exercise of the utmost caution I hoped to accomplish it in safety. My first precaution was to remove the parka in which the body of Nougishgac was wrapped, fill it with well packed snow and return it to its customary place, that thus the thief which I had perpetrated might not be discovered until the following morning, when upon the opening of the parka my treachery would become apparent. Then cautiously dragging my burden down the long passage, I concealed it among the baggage on my sled without.

Not a soul was in sight as I emerged from the passage door, and if I could but succeed in harnessing my dogs and get well under way before the return of the men from the kashga, I was comparatively safe, as my dogs had no superiors in the village. To catch them, however, was no easy undertaking, as they were scattered about the village with those of the Innuits; but a low whistle cautiously repeated now and then brought them together at last and I was finally on the move.

As I approached the kashga I could hear the muffled shouts of the men at the dance within, and even as I passed its entrance two of their number scrambled out and plunged themselves into the snow, but being blinded with the terrible smoke of the hut's interior or with snow which may have gotten into their eyes, they failed to notice me and I passed on unchallenged.

When my host slept on his snow pillow or not, and what his sensations were upon discovering the nature of its contents I never heard, nor am I aware whether or not the chase after me was taken up, or how long and fierce it was; but I do know that upon finally arriving at the fort in safety and delivering up my burden, I was well rewarded for my faithful performance of my duty.

PAP'S VALENTINE.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT BY S. E. GANNETT.

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AP, can I have Nance this morning? I want to go to town."

"Go to town, daughter? It must be something pretty desprit to take you to town with the roads in this state." And the man, a long, lean, sallow Arkansas farmer by the name of Bayles, who was at the moment busily engaged in holding up the doorpost while he gave his teeth their after-breakfast picking, glanced along the corduroy road deep in Febrary mud.

"Why, you see, Pap," and the girl hesitated, "next week comes Valentine's day, an'—an'—"

"Good land!" muttered the man to himself, as he stared at the girl, taking in the witching dark eyes and rosy, dimpled face framed in its clustering curls, "ef she bean't a'growing up a'ready! Seems like 'tain't but a year or two sense I was a'buying valentines for her Maw, an'—now—here's Mirandy's been dead this two year, an' this baby—why, how old be you, now, Maisie?"

"Sixteen, Pap; don't you remember I told you last week I'd got a birthday?"

"Yes, yes, but I can't believe it. You're as old as your Maw was when I was a'cotin' her, sure enough. Well, who is the lucky one to be?"

The girl gave her head a toss, and her merry laugh rang out as she answered:

"Nare a one, Pap, but they's two of 'em is dead sure I'll send to him and to nobody else, and I'm—"

"Ho! Goin' to fool 'em both, be you? Well, go on. Young folks must have their fling; but I wish my valentine hadn't had to leave me quite so soon." And he glanced wistfully around at the disorderly room, the unswept floor and dirty windows, and then out at the group of frowsy, uncared-for children playing in the yard.

The girl saw the look and bit her lip. "Pap can't expect me to give up all my fun and stay at home just to grub round," she muttered. "I'd be an old woman in no time if I did. I want to have a good time like the other girls," and then, as her father slowly and dispiritedly strolled away to his day's work she hastily cleared the breakfast table, called to a younger sister to help her, made a few preparations for dinner, and leaving everything else in the care of twelve year old Jennie, she mounted Nance and rode off to town, wearing her oldest gown and picking her way

gingerly through the awful mud. A few twinges of conscience troubled her as she remembered neglected duties, but she quickly stifled them, and rode on.

"Howdy, Maisie!" shouted a gay young voice as she dismounted at the village store. "Goin' to the Valentine party next week?"

"Haven't heard anything about it. Where is it?" replied Maisie calmly.

"Sure enough? Why, it is to be here in the village at Betty Wilder's. You'll get an invite, I know. Swell thing it's going to be. Say, here's your note now," as the postmaster handed Maisie her mail. "Now you'll let me see you home that night, won't you? Don't go with Dick Somers, whatever happens."

"I sha'n't promise. I'll have to think over the matter a bit first," and with a word to Nance, Maisie cantered off, leaving Tom Birdsall ruefully glowering at Dick Somers, who, on horseback, was hastening in Maisie's direction.

Valentine's day came with a most unusual sight for Arkansas—a furious snowstorm—and by evening the ground was white with snow. The mud beneath was frozen in deep ruts, making traveling anything but pleasant; but no matter! Such a chance for a sleigh ride did not occur in this locality once in a winter, and all were disposed to make the most of their opportunities. Both Somers and Birdsall had hastily constructed for themselves sleighs of dry-goods boxes mounted on rude wooden runners, and each of them having received that morning a gay and flimsy lace affair except a valentine, adorned with cupids, hearts and arrows galore, and vowed

"To be ever true

To only you! to only you!"

thought Maisie had surely made him her "lover true," and hastened to present himself, with his elegant "rig," at her home in readiness to drive her to the scene of the party.

Maisie's eyes danced with fun as she saw them drive into the yard at the same time, glowering at each other as they came on; but her face was grave and concerned as she opened the door and cried:

"Oh, how could I have been so careless! I certainly thought, I—well, never mind now! I am not going to say, as long as both of you are here, which of you I asked to come for me to-night. I thought I sent a note, but since I did not I'll have to ask Dick to drive me over and Tom to bring me home. Won't that do?" and the bewitching face, framed in its soft pink hood, smiled brightly upon both the young men.

There seemed to be no other way out the difficulty; so, although each of the young men scowled blackly upon the other, Tom turned his horse and drove off, while Dick helped Maisie over the side of his dry-goods box, and tucked his mother's shawl, which served as a robe, carefully about her before following Tom's lead.

The evening passed merrily. The gay little god of love showered his favors, consisting of cakes, bonbons and souvenirs, impartially upon all, and punch flowed so freely that, as the hour for breaking up drew near, many of the young men were decidedly in need of an escort instead of performing that service for the ladies.

Dick, disappointed in his hope of seeing Maisie home, had grown more and more surly as the evening wore on, and the more punch he imbibed the gruffer he became. Instead of driving off by himself, or choosing another lady than Maisie for company, he kept near Tom's sleigh, and did all he could to make his and Maisie's ride uncomfortable.

At length they reached a narrow part of the road, where the earth, washed away by the heavy rains of that part of the country, dropped suddenly down to a depth of twenty feet, with no railing to protect its edge. Dick, who had driven ahead of the other team, suddenly turned, lashing his horse to a gallop, and bore straight down, in his drunken rage, upon the other horse, which reared, plunged, and backed to the edge of the precipice. Tom, finding all efforts to stop him unavailing, flung the reins over the dashboard and leaped to safety, leaving Maisie to her fate.

Quick as a flash, however, the girl sprang forward on the edge of the box, balanced herself there a second, and, by another quick leap, reached the back of the frightened horse, and, seizing the trailing reins, with a sharp cut of the whip forced him forward to firm ground. Then, sliding to the road, in spite of all Tom's solicitations and apologies, she set off afoot for home, deigning neither a look nor a word to her cowardly escort.

Maisie got no sleep that night, but spent the time in reviewing in her mind the conduct of her two cavaliers and of herself. She was very subdued and thoughtful at the breakfast table, and made but short answers to the questions of her father and the children as to the events of the preceding night. As to the ride home she said not a word to any one.

At noon that day, as he came in to dinner, Farmer Bayles was astonished to see the kitchen shining with cleanliness, the table neatly set and covered with a tempting dinner, and surrounded by the children with clean hands and faces and nicely combed hair, while Maisie, following him into the washhouse shyly said:

"Tom and Dick are neither one of them any good. Pap. I'm going to be your valentine if you'll have me?"

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THE greatest interest now attaches itself to the construction of the Nicaraguan canal, which should be at once pushed to a finish and completely under American control. One drawback to the construction of this canal has been a provision in the Clayton-Bulwer treaty between this country and England by which both nations agreed that when such a canal should be built it should be under joint protection of America and England and necessarily under joint control. The mutual jealousies of the two countries have tended to show each other that the division of importance was not equal and that one nation would receive more advantage than the other with its completion. The present attitude of England indicates that the outcome of the Spanish War has rendered an early construction of the canal of first and greatest importance to the United States, and she seems ready to let our country undertake the work alone and without hindrance, by the abolishment of this treaty.

The attention of our people was called to the great necessity of a canal when the battleship *Oregon* made her famous run from San Francisco to Florida, and being obliged to traverse the South American coast on both sides and make frequent landings for supplies and coal, which would have been unnecessary had there been a canal either at Nicaragua or still further down at the Isthmus of Panama. The idea of a canal is by no means new, for ever since the discovery of gold in California in 1849, and even earlier, there have been such enterprises projected.

For many years the favorite location for such a canal has been across the Isthmus of Panama, and many schemes have been devised for such a canal. Even the idea of immense dry docks on wheels to convey steamers bodily across was seriously contemplated. The great De Lesseps canal to be constructed by a French company at one time was apparently the successful one; but wasteful extravagance and poor business if nothing worse entirely wrecked this company, and to-day the immense work is the same as abandoned.

Farther up on the continent is Nicaragua and a glance at the map will show that here the land is much wider than at the Isthmus, but it has certain natural advantages. Half way across the continent is an immense lake, called by the name of the country, from which the San Juan river flows easterly to the Gulf of Mexico at the port of Greytown.

Opposite the middle of the lake on the Pacific coast is the harbor of Brito. The most thorough survey ever made has now caused the United States Commissioners to adopt what is called the "low level" route. The so-called Maritime route contemplated practically following the San Juan river to the lake as a shorter distance; but the Lull "low level" survey starts from Greytown and takes advantage of certain low levels which make eleven miles longer to the lake, which is forty-two miles from Greytown on the Maritime route. Part of the way will be lake navigation and the entire distance, including the lake travel, from Greytown to Brito is one hundred and eighty-two miles. It is estimated the canal will cost \$184,000,000 complete and will probably be built under government supervision. The project has been debated and postponed times without number, but with our present territorial interests delays are no longer possible and without doubt the present Congress will take steps to have active work on the construction of this waterway taken at once.

The government of the United States has not taken Cuba as a part of her possessions but under the treaty of peace is responsible for the maintenance of order and peace within that country. The position of Cuba to-day is very much the same as that of the Confederate States after the Civil War in our own country. There is neither a responsible government of Cubans, nor has the Spanish government any more authority, having vacated the island; and as a consequence the only form of government that is at present maintained is the military government of the United States.

The President of the United States appoints a Governor General of Cuba, who is invested with supreme authority and really represents the government of the United States until a stable government shall have been formed and given possession by our country. This provisional government went into effect on the first of January, 1899, at which time with due military pomp and ceremony the Spanish flag floating over public buildings was lowered, and received the usual military salutes; to be immediately replaced by the American flag, which was also saluted by both armies.

To this extremely important position President McKinley has nominated Major General John R. Brooke who, our readers will remem-



GENERAL WOOD.

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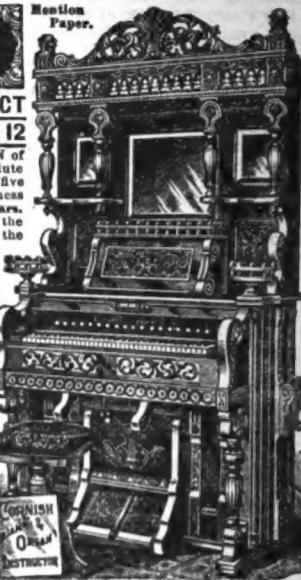


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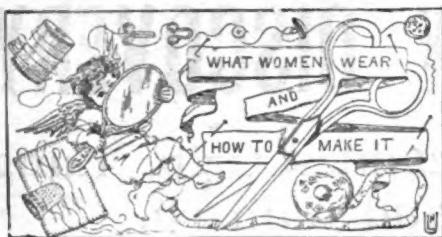
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We are with one accord adopting the newest of new skirts, which fasten over in front, so that nothing may mar the beautifully-fitting simplicity of the perfectly plain back. These skirts are particularly easy to hold up, those which are practically untrimmed being, to my thinking, the most attractive. Such a one, for instance, made in bright violet cloth, has half-a-dozen rows of stitching to sweep down the center of the back, another group outlining the place of fastening in front—that is all; while a double-breasted coat, just covering the waist line, continues the line of stitching, and boasts, perhaps, of a row of crystal buttons. Such a costume will have a specially useful career, if you have an indoor bodice made of the cloth quite simply, with just knot of mauve satin, and a cascade of lace to fasten it over the left side, and then you also provide yourself with a tucked silk shirt, whose aim and object it will be in life to save the cloth one from crushing, and to be worn in its place under the little coat when taking your walks abroad.

In the cigar-brown, tan, black, or dark blue the costume will look equally well, and, in its elegant and distinguished simplicity, will hold its own among any number of more elaborate gowns.

Of course, some of these skirts are decorated with bordering frills or waved lines of stitched strappings, and so forth, but, in their untrimmed aspect, they are, I think, at their smartest.

The polonaise skirt is, it must be confessed, painfully unbecoming to the average woman, so, though it is being shown by all the smartest houses and worn by a few of our *élégantes*, it is not likely to become popular. In fact, it is at all times an impossible style for any woman who is not of the "divinely tall" order.

Still another novelty is a skirt—of cloth, of course, seeing that no other fabric is allowed any chance nowadays—with a deep shawl point, bordered with triple tucks, falling to the hem of a plain under-skirt, both in front and at the back, the sides rising to a level of the knees. This is rather a graceful style, as I was compelled to admit when I saw it exemplified by a Parma mauve cloth gown. The bodice, in Van Dyked tucks at the back and sides, but with a plain plastron front, which displays tiny vest and diminutive revers of lemon yellow. So it only remains for you to pay your money and take your choice of skirts only let me beg of you to study your stature, and carefully consider your waist and hip measurements before you do so choose.

Let me tell you of the smart simplicity and perfect taste of the last new hat, which is made in felt cloth, with a *rouleau* of velvet to bind the sailor brim, which is tilted up a little at the left side with a cluster of flowers—dahlias and roses, say, in the case of a mauve hat, while for sole trimming there is a species of bow at the left side, which is like nothing so much as five curved leaves of graduated size placed one inside the other, and fashioned of silk and satin, shading from palest pinky mauve to deepest violet. It looks lovely, too, in cerise felt ribbon, while it is demurely dainty too in grey.

I must now introduce to you two evening gowns, whose charms I believe will specially interest you. One displays the fashionable chenille embroidery, where trails of fuchsias, pink and purple, are wrought on pale mauve



THE NEWEST SKIRT.

chiffon, which in its turn veils blush-rose pink; the touch of black tulle at the *decolletage* and in the puffs of the short sleeves are particularly effective. The other gown is destined for wear by a superbly handsome woman, whose dusky hair, black eyes and clear complexion will be set off to perfection by the white satin veiled

with jet embroidered net, and relieved by a deep-folded waistband and corsage bow of yellow and orange silk.

Either of these gowns might be copied easily by means of the embroidered overskirts and bodice lengths, which fashion introduced during one of her kindly moods, when she gave a thought to those folks who had to be economical, but still desired to be fashionable. I really believe that evening gowns get richer in embroidery and precious stones daily. A very lovely one seen lately was built in the Princess style of rich blue velvet, perfectly plain, and perfectly fitted, bordered round the trailing skirt with a very deep silver embroidery in the form of huge lilies and their leaves; encrusted on the silver were pearls and gold paste, the latter sparkling with brilliant effect, as you may imagine. This beautiful embroidery figured on the *decolletage* also, and down the left side of the gown, which was otherwise unadorned. It certainly looked lovely and so did another dress of less costly material and more simple style, being worn by a younger woman. The foundation of this gown was cream colored satin, which, on the bodice, was veiled with sequinned and jeweled net in quite



THE LATEST HAT.

novel way. Quite unique were the sleeves, fashioned partly of lace and partly of mouseline frills, while the shoulders were ornamented with loops representing true-lover's knots of cerise velvet. The same idea was carried out on the skirt which was flounced with sequinned net, and headed by an embroidery of silver.

The new white net bon is decidedly becoming and dainty. The white net you must know, is thickly quilled in graduated form, very thick and broad in the center and tapering off almost to a point at either end, and then over the whole is sprinkled black chenille spots, which gives it very chic style. Needless to say these net bonas are the *dernier cri*. In all colors they are made to correspond to hat or gown with which they will be worn. A very sweet shade is mauve with either white or black spots dispersed on its surface, and again, blue or green are equally charming and modish. In feather bonas, white seems most popular although for slender purses the fashion is the reverse of economical, for nothing looks worse than a dirty white; therefore, let me beseech you not to invest in one of such delicate nature unless

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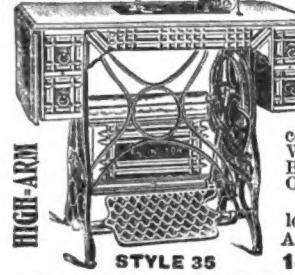
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February brings the holidays that show the admiration of the American people for Washington, the creator of the nation, and Lincoln, its preserver. No February in our history has ever developed more momentous issues than those of to-day. The nation of our two greatest men to-day belts the globe and brings with its territorial increase duties as grave as those that confronted the two greatest men in our history. They knew moments of discouragement but they persevered. We may face dark days but we shall know how to bear any burdens that may be laid upon us. The hour always brings the man.

The portrait show held in New York for the benefit of a hospital brought the work of the most eminent portrait painters all over the world into one collection. The eminent artists of France, England and America were well represented. The portraits of women proved one thing. The beauty and grace of the old time portraits is rivaled by the beauty of these modern women. There is no charm of shy witchery, no naive expression of a portrait of our grandmother's day that does not find its match in these modern maidens. No dashing beauty of the court of Louis or of Bonny Prince Charlie's time but can find a worthy rival in the "grande dames" of the portrait show.

One of the interesting developments of the library systems in great cities is seen in the plans of the New York City Circulating library. A number of books suitable for children are packed in a neat case and sent to the home of any child who will distribute them among her playfellows and collect them for safe return at the end of the time allowed. As each case is sent a woman goes to the home of the receiver of the books and endeavors to interest the children in the books. This is really an application of the state system of traveling libraries with the addition of the library employee who gives an idea of what the books are about. Many educators boldly proclaim that it were better that a child did not know how to read than that he be given this key to knowledge and then turned loose in the midst of pernicious and bad books with no hand to direct or guide his taste. To place good books within his reach and then to furnish a guide to create and stimulate the taste for good reading is certainly a noble work.

The American possesses a certain light airy surface manner that leads him to jest when he is most in earnest. One of the recent new figures introduced in the German is the Battle of Manila Bay or the Admiral Dewey. Each side merrily bombards the other with confetti balls. These society bombs burst in air and showers of gayly colored streamers fly in every direction. It is quite sure that none of those participating in this frolic fail to understand the tragic importance of the historical significance of that battle. At the same time it is in rather questionable taste to take the amusement of the moment under the name of such an event as the Battle of Manila. There was

loss of life in the battle and not even the gay surge of dance music or the colors of a favor for the German can totally shut out the graves that lie by Manila Bay. We are too close to the sound of actual war to make a jest of its paraphernalia. There is national courage. It jars upon a fine sense of eternal fitness when the event that opened to this nation a great eastern empire is made the name for a careless revel. These very society butterflies have shown that they had patriotism and self-sacrifice in the interests of their country. Let them also show that they can appreciate the dignity of achievement.

The Board of Health of New York City has added one more horror to the generous list of attainments in that line already in the scope of the dreaded "Grip." Sufferers have always been able to gather what comfort there might be in the sympathy of friends who listened to and condoled with the victims. Now the Board says that "grip" is contagious. To all its other horrors must be added that of suffering alone or of bearing the well-known stigma of the one who "began it" from the victims of contiguous sympathy. Now let some scientist tell us how to destroy the "bacillus." It is really a great social triumph for this unrecognized member to be admitted by scientific approval to the royal family of discomfort and death—the germs. In these later days, not to be familiar with germs and microbes is to write yourself an emphatic back number. The bacillus of grip has never been recognized before but it has gone its way and made even the aristocracy of the germ family look to their laurels. At last the disposed bacillus has come into its own. It has been classified, and suffering humanity may indulge in the faint hope that now that it has entered the "four hundred" of the germ family it may be content with a scientific recognition of its existence and less direct proof of its activity among the laity. "Watch out" for the grip bacillus and give it the cut direct.

England has shown a most gratifying interest in her sometimes rebellious child. Some confirmed doubters have tried to see "a revenue only" side to this long supposed affection. We all know family quarrels are the most bother in the world but we also know that the same sensitiveness to wrong will make the most quarrelsome family unite against any outsider. It seems so with the great Anglo-Saxon family. We are of kindred blood. The proposal to place a statue of George Washington in Westminster Abbey is but another expression of a sentiment that has been growing between the English speaking races on the other side of the water. We can hope that it may be found possible to place this statue. No greater recognition could be given of a fact that Sir Edward Thornton once stated when he said, "Englishmen know that it was their battle as well as your own that was fought in the Revolution." It is the battle that the English speaking race has been fighting since its birth—the battle against arbitrary, tyrannical rule whether it be of a nation over its colonies, of a king over his subjects, or of a class of men over their more unfortunate fellows. The broader minded portion of the race have fought this battle against their own people when they failed to see the right. They have fought it against "lesser breeds without the law" wherever the great question of eternal right and wrong demanded settlement. A statue of George Washington in the great historic burial ground of those who have made England great would proclaim to all the world that a battle for a principle that was right was not a battle of one nation against another, but of those who sow the right, whether in England or America, against those who hold to a wrong.

"Man is the only animal that laughs," is a trite saying. We do hear of "crocodile tears" and of "grinning like a Cheshire cat," and sometimes of a "laughing hyena," but we fall back on the old saying as an indisputable proof of man's superiority. Of course "man" is used in the general sense and the feminine portion has decided that the one peculiarity that raises us above the brute should be cultivated to esthetic perfection. So my lady if she be of the latest mode, takes lessons in laughing. No loud, boisterous "haw haw" is to be tolerated. It is not to laugh but to laugh well. The class in laughing are given the pitch from a pitch pipe. Then they laugh up and down the scale. They laugh in the key suitable to a drawing room, and they laugh pianissimo and crescendo, forte and diminuendo. In fact they make a careful, conscientious effort to substantiate the claims of the authors who speak of "silvery peals of mirth" and "low, musical laughter."

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WORDS AND MUSIC BY E. NINIAN.

Moderato.

1. Two lit - tie chil - dren, a boy and a girl,
2. "Pa - pa was lost out at sea, long a - go, we
3. "May be to - night they've no room there," she said.

sat by an old church door. . . . The girl's lit - tie feet were as brown as the curl That fell on the
wait - ed all night on the shore, For he was a life sav - ing cap - tain, you know, But nev - er came
"two lit - tie ones to keep"; Then plac - ing her arm un - der lit - tie Jim's head, She kissed him, and

dress that she wore. . . . The boy's coat was fa - ded, and hat - less his head; A tear shone in each lit - tie
back an - y more. Then mam - ma got sick, an - gels took her a - way, She said, to a home warm and
both fell a - sleep. The sex - ton came ear - ly to ring the church bell, He found them be - neath the snow

eye. . . . "Why don't you run home to your mam - ma," I said; And this was the maid - en's re - ply. . . .
bright. . . . "They'll come for my dar - ling's," she told us, "some day." Per - haps they are com - ing to - night. . . .
white. . . . The an - gels made room for the or - phans to dwell In Heav - en with mam - ma, that night. . . .

rit. a tempo. rit. rall.

REFRAIN.

"Mamma's in heav-en, they took her a - way, Left Jim and I a - lone. . . . We come here to sleep, at the close of the day, For we have no mamma or home. . . . We

a tempo. rit. a tempo. rall.

"can't earn our bread, we're too lit - tie," she said. "Jim's five years, and I'm on - ly seven. . . . There's no one to love us since pa - pa is dead, And our darling mamma's in Heaven."

a tempo. rit. p rit. mf rall.

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WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.

THE woman who lives in or near one of the large cities has much the advantage of the one who lives in the country, for she can look over the newly brought out fancy things in the shops, and, if she is clever, duplicate them while they are yet novel. The woman who lives far removed from the great trade centers must wait until these ideas are brought to her through the medium of some paper—either described in an article, or in an advertisement.

One of the articles to which we wish to call attention this month, and which is comparatively new, is certainly the most useful that has come to our notice in many moons. It is a receptacle for broken needles—such dangerous things to have around, particularly where there are children or four-footed pets.

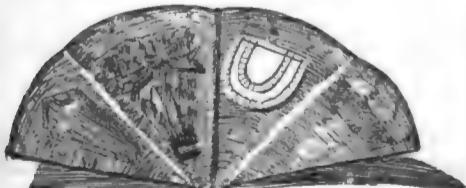
This little friend in need is as modest and simple as one could desire—being only a small bottle such as homeopathic physicians use for their little pellets; over the top of the bottle is tied a piece of silk, no cork being used, and around the neck of the bottle is tied a piece of narrow ribbon to cover the edges of the silk and the thread with which it is tied. Baby ribbon is used for this, and ends of three or four inches are left dangling; these ends are used for tying the bottle to the handle of the work basket, and then it is always at hand, and the broken needle can be slipped through the silk top and down into the bottle, where it may rest in peace. (also in pieces) until the bottle is full; then the top can be removed, the little sharp points be consigned to the stove, the only safe place for them, a new top be put on and the bottle again tied to the old stand, where it will continue to do a thriving business.

Store this idea up, if it happens to be new to you, and next December when Gladys wonders what she will give to her Aunts, bring it out and let her make half a dozen, and, my word for it, the Aunts will be more than delighted with her foresightedness.

We illustrate herewith a little needle book, which also holds scissors and thread; it is not a new idea, but is so useful that it will stand a description. It is something that can be utilized as a gift to a man, and is also a handy little traveling companion for a woman, as it can always be kept well stocked, and when going away for a day or two can be slipped into a hand bag, taking up little room, and yet will be found very convenient in the event of a glove or boot becoming loosened.

If possible, get a skin of bronzed leather; from one skin half a dozen of these little books may be made. The book is a half circle, measuring ten inches across the straight side and, of course, five inches at the widest point of the circle. Bind all around with brown galloon, stitched on by machine. Then cut a lining of satin or silk one-fourth inch larger all around than the leather; turn in the edges and hem this lining onto the wrong side of book.

Next cut a piece of leather the shape of that on our diagram marked "scissors pocket"—this to be three inches long and one and one-half wide at the widest point. Bind the edges with galloon. Cut also a strip of the leather for the needle band, two and one-half inches long by one-half inch wide, which also bind. Attach the latter near one end of the book, onto the lining, by fastening firmly at both ends; then fasten it also in the middle, and there will be room to slip two papers of needles under the band. On the other end of the book fasten the scissors pocket.



FINISHED NEEDLEBOOK.

Next to the scissors pocket comes a pocket for thread, which is made of the same material as the lining of the book, and the shape may be seen in our diagram. This should measure three inches in depth by three in width at the top, tapering off a little at the bottom. Draw the bottom closely together, hem and shirr the top, and then attach to lining.

For the fourth and last compartment, make two leaves of white flannel, buttoned-holed around the edges—the larger leaf to measure two and one-half inches across the top, and the smaller one inch less—the leaves being rounded at the bottom edges, in good proportion. Attach the e in their place, one above the other, and then fold the book by bringing the two outer edges to the center, and then folding these edges together. At the point where the edges come together after folding, attach two pieces of narrow ribbon, to match in color the lining, with which to tie the book together, and put a small bow of the same on

the pocket, inside.

Red morocco may also be bought in the skin, and is very pretty when made into these books, particularly when lined with cream or white satin. Someone has sent us word that pads for stairs, to be used under the carpet, may easily be made at home; of course we all know what a saving they are to the carpet. Take half-worn blankets, which have been shrunk in repeated washings so that they are no longer useful for the beds; sprinkle with pepper and make into flat pads to fit the stairs, covering with thin calico. These pads should be one inch shorter than the width of the carpet, and five inches wide, and placed under the carpet directly over the edge of the stair, where the wear comes. Of course you know what the pepper is for.

This same person tells us to air our bookcases! this is a good suggestion, for books in a continually closed case become musty and ill-

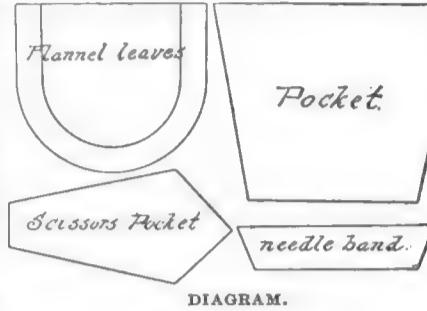


DIAGRAM.

smelling. Therefore, each week when the sweeping has been done, open wide the doors of the bookcase and let in the fresh air.

PEPSIN-SALTED PEANUTS.

Dyspepsia, Insomnia and Other Ills Cured by the Common American Peanut.

If the day ever dawns when science shall have robbed Nature of her last secret the world's people of that era will marvel at the host of simple things that Nature possessed for the welfare of mankind. Diligent investigation has lately discovered that the common American peanut contains qualities which when scientifically prepared and made operative with salt and pepsin in proper proportions acts with amazing promptitude on the gastric juices, relieving almost immediately dyspeptic disturbances, and, in time, curing dyspepsia in its worst forms.

To America is due the honor of having first produced the peanut (*arachis hypogaea*). Its true name is "goober," and Virginia is noted for exceptionally large crops of the nut. Since something of its real value has become known other warm countries succeed in growing it. The plant is leguminous and of many branches, resembling somewhat the clover. It is planted and cared for much like peas or beans and is sometimes called earth or ground nut on account of its vines running along on the ground. Two years ago any one recommending peanuts for dyspepsia would have been geared at, and rightly, too, for it is of more recent date that the medicinal qualities of the nut were discovered. Until this discovery these qualities were dominated by an oil in which the peanut is rich. This oil is non-drying and valuable as a lubricant. It is also used extensively as an adulterant for olive oil.

Frequent experiments discovered that the peanut was also rich in nutrient, and that this food when peptonized acted like magic in dispelling heartburn, curing insomnia, and putting the digestive apparatus in working order. All well-informed medical men know that science has succeeded in isolating so pure a pepsin that it will digest 25,000 times its own weight in albumen. Pepsin is one of the albuminoids or nitrogenous substances, and it has the power of converting proteids into peptones. When the process of digestion does not furnish sufficient pepsin to accomplish complete assimilation of the food dyspepsia begins to entrench itself in the system. Then have a care, for, if its inroads are not blocked and the disease routed, years of intense suffering are sure to follow.

Everybody likes peanuts. Ever since the first "Young America" laughed at the antics of the circus clown peanuts have been popular. Children love to eat them on the sly "when the teacher isn't looking," while older persons have been known to crack them quietly in their pockets and sneak the palatable kernels into their mouths at the theater. Even the confirmed dyspeptic loves them, but is afraid. Who, it may be asked, ever expected to hear of peanuts being used as a remedy for dyspepsia, for Bright's Disease, for Diabetes, for Insomnia and for corpulence?

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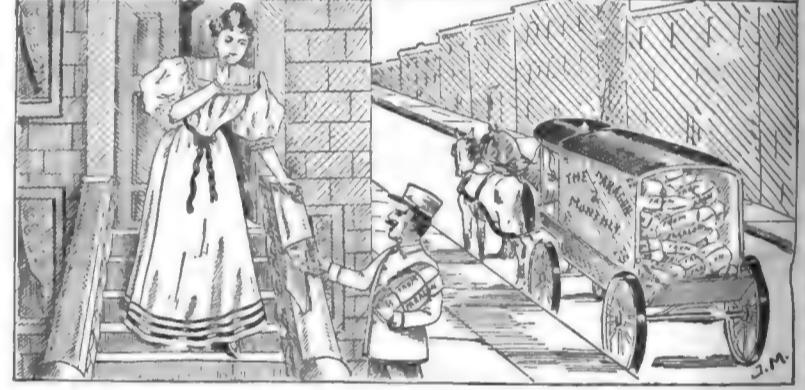
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Women in Public Service.

WRITTEN FOR COMFORT.



RESIDENT McKinley and the men who hold portfolios under him have appointed an unusual number of women to government places, and clerks of the gentler sex get much more consideration than they received from the last Administration, which openly exhibited a prejudice against them.

For thirty-seven years women have been employed in the public service at Washington, where there are now somewhat over 3000 of them in the executive departments. They have proved themselves a success, having made a record for reliability superior to that of the men, and it is for this quality that they have earned most praise. During the period mentioned there have been many defalcations by government clerks, but only one of these was attributable to a woman. Being occupied in the redemption division of the Treasury, she invented a most ingenious plan for making nine notes out of eight, incidentally to the work of putting together fragments of damaged money.

Up to the period of the Civil War no women were employed in the departments at Washington. The conflict with the South occasioned demand for great quantities of paper currency, and twenty men were engaged to do the work of cutting apart and trimming the notes. Gen. Spinner, at that time Treasurer of the United States, conceived the notion that women could do this sort of thing much faster. He had been in the banking business, and his daughter had clipped his notes for him with notable deftness. Accordingly, a single female clerk was introduced into the office experimentally, and she did the work of three men. That settled it, and presently the entire corps of clippers and trimmers was composed of women.

Next, the notion was conceived that women could do the work of counting the money with greater quickness, and an experiment showed that this was true. Accordingly, the men in the redemption division were replaced by women, and some of those originally employed are still occupied in the same task at the Treasury. The women are surprisingly reliable and accurate, almost never making a mistake. It would be impossible to put men in their places without great disadvantage to the work and a large increase of expense. One point made by Gen. Spinner in his argument in behalf of employing women was that they could be had for half the price of men; but since the adoption of civil service regulations they have received the same salaries as the male clerks of equal rank, and this rule has governed in all the departments. It is a fact that many women of superior abilities are glad to accept positions which could not be filled so satisfactorily at the same pay by men, for the reason that clever men can earn more money outside of the public service.

In the division of loans and currency of the Treasury Department all of the distinctive fiber paper used for money and for bonds is counted and examined, and the utmost care has to be taken to see that there are no flaws in it. This work is done by women, and the faithfulness with which it is performed is proved by the quantity of rejected sheets annually returned to the manufacturers. To the eye of any ordinary person these rejected sheets would seem to be of first-rate quality and finish. Even greater expertise is exhibited by the counters of mutilated money. All of these are women, because it has been found that they are more clever than men at such work. They must be absolutely accurate, accounting for every dollar, and much of the spoiled cash that comes into the Treasury for redemption is in such a condition as to require most delicate handling, having been chewed by goats, swallowed by puppies, eaten by babies, passed through the laundry, or partly burned by the fire. One of the ladies in the redemption division of the Treasury is the greatest living expert in identifying and "restoring" burned money, and another is more skillful at detecting counterfeits than any man in the government employ. She says that it is intuition with her.

The clerks at the Post Office Department who do "blind reading," which consists in deciphering illegible addresses, are women. They are far superior to men at such work, possibly for the reason that feminine intuition helps them. One of them is considered the foremost expert in her line in the world, and some of her decipherings are well-nigh miraculous.

Women of late have been making their way into the scientific branches of the government service. Two women ethnologists of very superior attainments and of recognized reputation are employed by the Bureau of Ethnology. The Smithsonian Institution has a woman expert in lobsters and crabs. In the National Museum is a woman who is an authority on mammals, and the most skillful entomological artist living is a woman employee of the Bureau of Entomology. Her reputation for accuracy in the drawing of bugs is unequalled. The Chief Librarian of the Bureau of Public Documents is a woman. Recently the Bureau of American Republics required a couple of translators in French and Spanish, and two mere girls won the prizes in competitive examinations. They are the highest-paid women in the government service, each of them receiving \$2400 a year. A female expert in grasses was appraised a few months ago in the Department of Agriculture.

The Post Office Department employs a great army of women. Among these are 7670 female postmasters, and there are about 80,000 women to whom the oath of office has been administered to qualify them to assist in conducting the business of post offices. Women are employed in all branches of the postal service, except as letter-carriers, railway mail clerks, and inspectors. The same salaries are paid to them as to men for the same kind of work, running from \$240 to \$1900 per annum. Postmistresses sometimes receive much more than \$1800. There is only one government office in Washington where no women are employed—the Army Medical Museum. The Indian Bureau furnishes good opportunities for women who are employed as cooks, laundresses, and

seamstresses at Indian schools and agencies, getting from \$400 to \$500 per annum. They do no menial work, being required merely to teach the little Indians how to cook, sew, etc. Matrons at such schools and agencies receive \$500 to \$600. These are the only government offices accessible through marriage, the wife of a superintendent of a school or agency being always the preferred candidate for the place of matron.

The chiefs of the departments and bureaus are at full liberty to call upon the Civil Service Commission for male clerks if they prefer them, and the mere fact that so many women are appointed is proof that they are reliable and efficient. There are only two or three women in the Department of State, because that Department has always had a prejudice against them. A notion is entertained to the effect that they cannot be trusted with public secrets.

Naturally there are some officials who entertain views adverse to women clerks. They assert that women expect special favors and are less manageable than men; that they are disposed to appeal to the sympathy of their superiors in office, in order to obtain privileges and immunities; that they are apt to rely upon their fascinations rather than upon hard work; that they object to smoking; that the young ones are often vain and desirous of pleasing the young men with whom they are associated; that they cannot be used in emergencies; that they do not have the ambition to excel in their work that the average man has; and, finally, that while working for Uncle Sam, they are looking out all the time for the right man to come along and when they find him they quickly shake off the government harness and don the matrimonial.

That some of the allegations have a basis in fact, as applying to special cases, cannot be doubted, but they are certainly not just as referring to the generality of the women employees of the departments. Most of the officials in charge of government bureaus frankly acknowledge that, for certain classes of work particularly, women are far superior to men and more reliable. They are accurate and painstaking. As typewriters and stenographers they are particularly efficient. They pass the civil service examinations much higher than the men, their average of superiority being eight or ten per cent. One reason for this is that girls stay longer at school than boys do, as a rule, and are more mature in respect to book-learning when they come out. Their habits are good, and their work is not apt to be interfered with by any sort of indulgence. In offices devoted to accounting and filing, where memory and system go very far, they are admirable. As already hinted, they furnish more ability for the money. It is declared by Commissioner of Pensions Evans that some of the women in his employ are as competent as any men to pass on legal questions of the kind that come under the attention of his bureau.

In the old days of the spoils system a good many females of dubious character were employed in the departments, and, thanks to their "influence" were more sure of their places than the good women and received greater consideration. For them promotion was rapid, hours what they desired, and work light or none at all. Some of them never came to the office, but merely signed the pay-roll and drew their salaries. The Civil Service Law has changed all this, however, and at present the average of respectability among women government clerks is very high.

Bureau officials, in calling on the Civil Service Commission for clerks, are at liberty to fix the requirement as to sex, and this is why six men are appointed for every woman. To show how far prejudice goes in this matter, the case may be mentioned of Miss Stakelander, who was appointed recently as a translator in the Department of State. She had previously applied for a place in the War Department, and had been rejected, after beating all her male rivals in a special competitive examination "out of sight." The requirements were extraordinarily exact, but, after answering every question correctly, the young lady was shut out because she could not with propriety climb ladders for books.

Our government is said to be the only business concern in existence that places women on the same plane with men in the matter of pay for work. Certainly Uncle Sam affords a commendable example in this regard; nevertheless it gives rise to no little grumbling outside of the ranks of the Federal civil service.

In the big cities of this country there are plenty of educated and refined young women who are doing typewriting or other clerical labor for \$7 or \$8 weekly, toiling from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to earn that modest stipend. Not unnaturally, they consider it an injustice that persons of their own sex, merely through the luck of getting places under the government, should be receiving from \$1 to \$1800 per annum—with one month of vacation each year and another month of sick leave—for doing the same sort of work, with much shorter hours. The everyday employee in commercial life cannot be persuaded to look upon this situation with complacency. When the last report on this subject was made by the Civil Service Commission, seven women employed by Uncle Sam in Washington were drawing \$1800 a year, forty-six were getting \$1600, ten were receiving \$1500, two hundred and fifteen were absorbing \$1400, and six hundred were pocketing checks amounting to from \$1200 to \$1300 annually.

BICYCLES AS BAGGAGE.

There has been a test case in the English courts on a question which is agitating cyclists all around the world, more or less. It was brought in the Queen's Bench division against the Great Northern Railway Company "on behalf of one Britten," seeking "to recover sixpence paid for the conveyance of a bicycle from King's Cross to East Finchley." And after hearing and argument the court decided that the plaintiff could not recover for the reason that a bicycle cannot be ordinary luggage within the definition."

The special interest attaching to this case is found in the fact that the attorney for the plaintiff made his argument on the very lines on which similar claims are based in this country. He claimed that a bicycle came clearly within the definition of "personal luggage" for the reason that it was carried by the traveller for his own personal convenience and use in connection with his journey, and was an article such as was ordinarily carried for that purpose. But his Lordship, in rendering his decision, brushed away all such considerations by declaring that "the idea of luggage" must control; and as luggage implies something that is "packed," not taken "loose, like a bicycle," the wheelman lost his case.—*Boston Post*.

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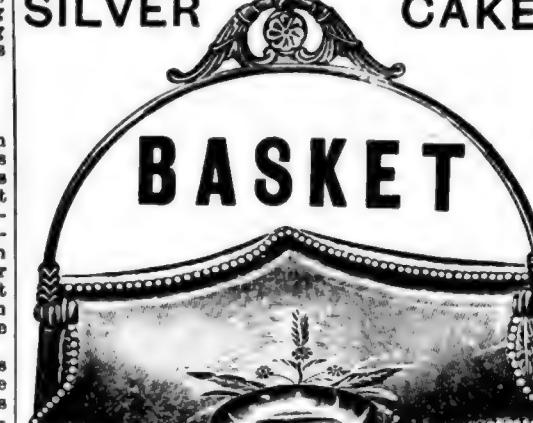
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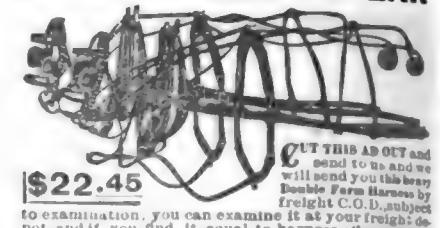
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THE CANARY ISLANDS.

WRITER: FOR COMFORT.

THE Canaries lie in the Atlantic Ocean, just off the west coast of Africa, in latitude 28 deg. north. They consist of seven islands, all of which are of volcanic origin, and all show large areas of bare, volcanic rock. Each island, however, has its peculiar characteristics of relief, soil, and climate, and the traveler is never wearied by monotony. There is ever something new to attract, something strange to amuse the foreigner upon these shores.

The climate is at the sea-level is delightful, being very mild and equable, the temperature averaging sixty-four degrees Fahrenheit the year round. Even the nights vary little from the day in warmth, and a sheet is the only covering ordinarily required on the beds.

The derivation of the original people of these islands, the Guanches, is unknown, although they are supposed to have wandered here from the north of Africa. These Guanches were conquered by the Spaniards in 1493. Many of them were slain, others sold into captivity, and the remainder intermarried with their conquerors, and so gradually lost their identity. The present race of natives resemble their Spanish ancestor in form and feature, and speak the Spanish language, but they are darker skinned, and far more sweet and gentle in disposition.

The war in Cuba was deeply felt in this far-away province, as the people of the Canaries were heavily over-taxed to obtain the means to carry it on. Large demands, too, were made on the men for soldiers, and so great is the scarcity of money that even the wealthiest Canarinas found it difficult to raise the five hundred dollars necessary to free their sons from this duty. This is the more unfortunate as the quiet, country lives and the gentle dispositions of these people totally unfit them for war and fighting.

The vegetation of the islands is arranged, as it were, in zones, according to the height above the sea. The lowest zone produces the date palm, the sugar cane and other tropical plants; higher up flourish the grape vine, olive and maize; while the highest summits are barren naked rocks. Owing to the climate and soil three crops a year are raised in some parts of the islands. The lower classes live very inexpensively on fish, potatoes and *gofio*, which is merely Indian corn or wheat roasted, ground, and kneaded with water or milk.

Teneriffe, the largest and most thickly settled of these islands, is of irregular shape, sixty miles in length, with an extreme breadth of thirty miles. It is covered by mountains and piles of rock—trachite, greenstone and tufa—however, so that not more than one seventh is fertile land. A chain of mountains runs its entire length, and in the middle of its broadest part rises the celebrated Peak of Teneriffe, which, with its support and spire, occupies nearly two thirds of the whole island. The Peak has a double top. The highest point, El Piton, is twelve thousand two hundred feet above the level of the sea. The other, Chahorra, connected with the first by a short, narrow ridge, has a height of nine thousand eight hundred and eighty feet, and both are orifices in the same mountain of trachyte. Neither reaches the line of perpetual snow, although snow lies upon them four months of the year. There is, however, upon El Piton, an immense cavern, eleven thousand feet above the sea, where snow lies continually.

The Peak is surrounded by a mountain wall, six thousand feet above the sea, which forms the rim of an ancient crater within which the present cone was built up from ashes, pumice stone and lava thrown up by eruptions. Both El Piton and Chahorra have craters from which issue steam and a little sulphurous vapor, but there are no accounts in history of eruptions from either crater of the Peak, although at various times lava in great quantities has issued from vents in its sides.

The ascent of the Peak is made from Oratava, a large town on the northern side of the island. From twenty to twenty-four hours are occupied in the ascent. The town of Oratava is situated in the most beautiful part of the

boundaries the streets are paved with cobblestones, very rough and uneven; the streets are narrow, too, and their gutters run directly in the middle, and not at the sides, as with us; these gutters are, however, very shallow, and the donkeys and mules, which are the principal beasts of burden, do not seem to mind them in the least. Horses are only used for coaches and cabs.

The houses in the cities, both on this island and Grand Canary, are built of white plaster, with flat roofs which are surrounded by a wall to protect those who walk and sit upon them. In the country, however, the old style of peaked roofs covered with red tiles still prevails. The city houses are generally low, with the second story overhanging the first, and adorned with balconies. There the balconies are the favorite resort of lovers. Here sits the lady, while her adorer, in the street below, stands gazing at her, sometimes for hours; she, meantime, encouraging him by coy, amorous glances and witching smiles.

The climate is dry and warm, and rain falls, on an average, only about thirty-six days of the year. Much ground in the neighborhood is planted with the prickly pear for the cultivation of the cochineal insect.

Laguna, on the road to Oratava, is on much higher ground than Santa Cruz, and the summers are cooler, making it a popular summer resort for the wealthy residents of the latter place. Its winters are cold and damp, and a great quantity of rain falls, the plain being often flooded by it. The cause of this excessive rainfall is the meeting here of three aerial currents from the north, east and south-west. Owing to the extreme humidity of the air the walls and houses are covered by a thick growth of semipervir.

Grand Canary is the most fertile island of the group. It is nearly circular in shape, and has a diameter of twenty-four miles. Its interior is simply a mass of mountains radiating to the shore, its highest peak being sixty-four hundred feet above sea level. There is plenty of water and several mineral springs on the island, but very little ground is under cultivation. Las Palmas, its largest town, and formerly the capital of the islands, is on the northern coast. It is a well-built and clean town, and abounds, as its name implies, with palm trees. Its climate is more humid than that of Santa Cruz. The Port is three miles from the city, and is reached by a steam tram, which is the nearest approach to a railroad to be seen on the islands. A fine mole extends out into the harbor for convenience in loading and unloading vessels.

The dress of the peasants of Grand Canary consists of a blouse and divided skirt, both of white cotton, no stockings, and clumsy shoes. The shepherds wear, besides their ordinary dress, a large blanket shirred around the neck. On the islands of both Teneriffe and Grand Canary are the celebrated cave dwellings. These are simply holes in the soft volcanic rock which have been enlarged and made habitable. They are about as large as ordinary rooms, and have a door but no window. Adjacent caves serve to house the animals of the family. The inhabitants of these caves are said to be the worst of thieves, the greatest of liars and the dirtiest of mortals; but there are gradations of vice everywhere, and not all the dwellers are superlative thieves or liars. Those living near to the town of Las Palmas may perhaps merit all that can be said of them in this respect, but the dwellers in Artenaria are industrious tillers of the soil—respectable, and quite as good,

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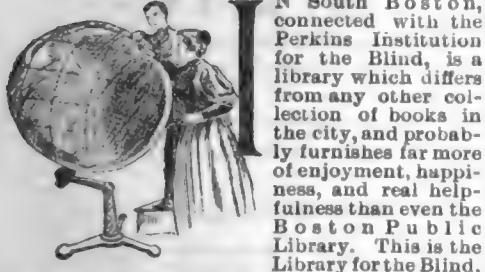
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In South Boston, connected with the Perkins Institution for the Blind, is a library which differs from any other collection of books in the city, and probably furnishes far more of enjoyment, happiness, and real helpfulness than even the Boston Public Library. This is the Library for the Blind, the volumes of which have been selected with the greatest care to both fill the needs and satisfy the cravings of those for whom they are designed. It is shelled in a long, narrow room, the many windows of which admit floods of air and sunshine. Sunshine—you say—of what use is sunshine to those who cannot see it? Ah! but they can feel it if they cannot see it, and they can feel the effects of the warm, health-giving rays. Most blind people can tell, as quickly as you or I, whether they are in sunlight or shadow, the presence or absence of which affects their sensitive natures very quickly.

The number of books in this library is eleven thousand. Of these, six hundred are in the raised type of the blind, three thousand in ordinary type, while all the rest are duplicates of the first six hundred. They are all in handsome glass cases, and the librarian gives them out to the students at their request, or advises them and furnishes books if the readers desire as she sees the need of her services in this way, for she is interested in and for every one of the young people who use her library. Big books they are; not such, in their size, as you would choose for reading while easy chair or lounge rests your tired body. Blind people know nothing of the luxury of a lazy loll while reading. Books fourteen inches in length by twelve in width, and four and one-half inches in thickness, do not allow their readers to recline while using them, especially as both hands must be employed in mastering their contents. But, as the greater number of blind people have no conception of the convenience of a small, easily handled book, they do not find the large ones wearisome.

The line type as it is called, is used for the greater number of these books. It has the raised letters, embossed on beautiful, thick, white paper, and is very easily read by the sensitive finger-tips of the blind. The printing is, of course, only on one side of the paper. The books are very carefully selected, and only the best of English and American literature has been prepared for the use of the blind child. Trashy and sensational stories find no place in this library. One of the greatest favorites with young people here is Black Beauty, while Charles Dickens and his many characters are familiar friends. David Copperfield, Paul Dombey, Sam Weller, Little Emily, Dick Swiveller, Peggotty, Smike, and hosts of others of Dickens' people hold daily converse here, and have many admirers among the frequenters of this library.

The Holy Bible, which we see people read in the form of one little five by seven inch volume, is here shown in eight large books, each fourteen by twelve inches in size, and the entire Bible occupies four feet of shelf room. There are to be found here, besides the best of novels and juvenile books, volumes of history, biography, poetry, and books in Greek, Latin and German. In this library, too, are many cases filled with stuffed birds and animals which are used in studying natural history, and it is a most interesting sight to watch the children, each with some specimen on the table before him, carefully studying its size, its shape, its covering and its various characteristics, all done with those slender, delicate, sensitive finger-tips which serve them instead of eyes. The earnest, thoughtful, absorbed faces bent above the specimens show the deep interest of the children in the subject before them, and it is safe to assert that not one of them will ever lose the knowledge thus gained.



BLIND GIRL READING.

Schoolbooks are not included in this library. Their place is in the schoolroom, where these little ones with darkened sight learn to open wide the eyes of their minds and take in the knowledge which shall transform their lives.

Besides the line type books there are some volumes printed in what is known as the Braille System. This type seems to the uninitiated as intricate and puzzling as is stenographical writing to those unacquainted with its mysteries, and perhaps it is so; but to one who has mastered its peculiarities it is of the greatest use and value. It is, indeed, a veritable shorthand to the blind, by which they are enabled to take notes, keep accounts, write, and read when written, their own letters; and, in short, places the blind, to a marvelous degree, in touch with the outside world. I have, myself, seen one of these people engaged in managing a variety store, selling the goods, waiting on customers, taking orders for goods, writing business letters, and keeping his own accounts; and all with the aid of the Braille system.

This machine somewhat resembles, in its

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In another wing of the same building in which the library is situated is the printing office, where all the work for the library is done, and where the textbooks for the pupils are made. The manager of this is a blind man, although the compositors are, of course, seeing men; and a young lady with perfect sight is also in attendance to help out the blind workers, and wait upon visitors.

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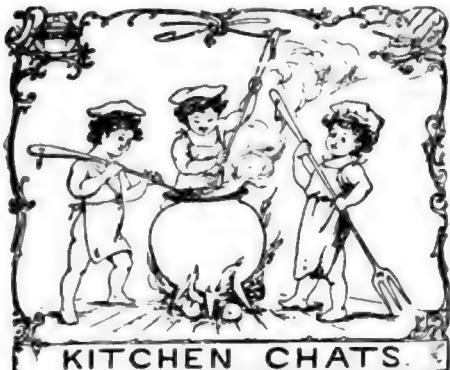
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Some of the recipes given this month for the chafing dish may be new to our readers; we hope so—but, in any case, they are tried and true, and will bear repeating.

OYSTER RAREBIT.

Clean, parboil and drain one cup of oysters, reserving the liquor. Remove and discard the tough muscle. Melt two tablespoons butter, add one-half pound mild cheese cut in small pieces, one-fourth teaspoon salt and a few grains cayenne. As the cheese melts, add gradually the oyster liquor and two eggs, slightly beaten. As soon as the mixture is smooth, add the soft part of the oysters.

GRILLED SARDINES.

Drain twelve sardines and cook in chafing dish until heated, turning frequently. Place on small pieces of dry toast, and serve with a slice of lemon.

ENGLISH MONKEY.

Soak one cup stale bread crumbs for fifteen minutes in one cup milk. Melt one tablespoon butter, add one-half cup mild cheese cut in small pieces, and when the cheese has melted add the soaked crumbs, one egg slightly beaten, one-half teaspoon salt and a little pepper. Cook three minutes and pour over toasted crackers.

LOBSTER A LA NEWBURG.

Cut two pounds of lobster meat in slices. Melt one-fourth cup butter, add the lobster and cook three minutes. Add one-half teaspoon salt, a little cayenne, a few gratings of nutmeg, one tablespoon sherry wine and one of brandy; cook one minute, and then add one-half cup thin cream and the yolks of two eggs, slightly beaten. Stir until thickened, and serve with toast.

UNION GRILL.

Clean one pint of oysters and drain off all the liquor possible. Put oysters in chafing dish, and as the liquor flows from oysters, remove it with a spoon. Cook oysters until plump, sprinkle with salt and pepper, add two tablespoonsfuls butter and serve on crackers.

Now for a few sandwich recipes.

RUSSIAN SANDWICHES.

Spread crackers with thin slices of Neufchâtel cheese and cover this with finely chopped walnuts, moistened with mayonnaise dressing. Place another cracker on this and press together.

NUT AND CHEESE SANDWICHES.

Mix equal parts of grated cheese and chopped walnut meat, and season with salt and cayenne; spread on bread cut in fancy shapes.

BROWN BREAD AND PEANUTS.

Bake the bread in one-pound baking powder boxes, and then the slices are of the right size for sandwiches. Spread and cut slices and between put layers of finely chopped peanuts seasoned with salt; or use a mixture of the nut meat and cheese, grated. Or, flake a cup of cold boiled salmon and mix it to a paste with one tablespoon mayonnaise dressing; spread on one slice, and press another slice onto it.

FIG SANDWICHES.

Use the ripe figs that come in cans. Drain them from the syrup, and then mash them to a paste, and spread over the buttered side of a slice of bread; lay another slice on top, press together and then trim off the crusts, and if the slices are large, cut into triangles or squares, or into oblong pieces.

DATES AND NUTS.

Remove stones and break up dates with a fork; take half as much in bulk of pecans chopped finely and mix with the dates, moistening with creamed butter. Add a little salt and spread between thin slices of bread.

The presence of the children at the table with the grown up members of the family is not always desirable—and when there is a nurse, attendant or governess who has charge of the children, there should be a separate room and table for them—for the reason, principally that the proper food for children is not, usually, that which is eaten by the father and mother, and also because the older people are apt to eat hastily, and naturally the children will acquire the same habit—will take too large mouthfuls and swallow them when not properly masticated. One result will be illness—and another will be the acquisition of an undesirable habit which it will be hard to break up.

Children are inclined to eat too fast, and require careful and constant watching to avoid this. Either let the children be served first, and the mother carefully watch and help them and then remove from the dining-room, or

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HE Sun's entrance into Aries or the *Vernal Equinox* is always an important epoch. It marks the beginning of a new Astronomical year and from the condition of the heavens at that moment, Astrologers are wont to judge of the nature of events to happen in the world in the coming twelve months. This year the Sun "crosses the line" at about thirty-eight minutes past two in the afternoon of the 20th day of March, according to mean time at Washington, the seat of government of our country. The horoscope of the year, erected to that time, shows the fixed sign Leo on the Ascending horizon or Ascendant and Taurus on the Midheaven. The Sun rules the scheme and the year and will be found to be very close to the cusp of the 9th house; while Venus, the ruler of the 10th house, is strong upon the 7th angle of the figure. The moon has just passed the square of Mercury and is applying to the conjunction with Mars on the cusp of the 12th house; Mercury in the 9th house in good aspect with Venus ruler of the 10th house is applying to a square with Mars though a benevolent aspect to Saturn in the 5th. Herschel is in the 4th house near the cusp of the 5th, while Jupiter, the great benefic, is angular and strong, being on the cusp of the 4th house.

The Sun passing from the untoward aspect of the great malefic Saturn and applying to the better rays of the great bodies as well as the lesser benefic, ruler of the 10th house, is indicative of an improved condition of the country and of monetary and commercial circles generally. As the days lengthen we shall seem to emerge from many of the clouds that have surrounded us. Money will become more easy and a better equilibrium be established in the mercantile world in the coming months, but not until some failures of magnitude have occurred and some excitement of a temporary character has been experienced in the money markets of the country around the first fifteen days in April. There will be much discussion in Congress over the matter of the nation's finances and expenditures for war purposes or for expatriation of prisoners. Religious questions appear to cause considerable excitement, and developments in ecclesiastical affairs create grave anxieties in orthodox minds.

The year will be an unusually busy one for artists, scientists, literary men and churchmen and for new inventions and the spread of education. There will be a marked increase of foreign travel and very active discussions in Congress over foreign trade and the commercial powers of the nation.

There will be much annoyance if not serious embroilments over questions of trade in trans-Pacific countries.

The affliction by Mars indicates a season of disorder among the people in some of our south-eastern or extreme western possessions over local affairs or in reference to prisoners or criminals, where some unusual mortality results from bad fevers or eruptive diseases among the soldiery; and it is apprehended that we shall hear of a bad marine disaster in south-eastern waters as well as an unusually large number of accidents or violent storms upon the waters. Mars also gives indications of some peculiar epidemic disease affecting cattle and horses injuriously.

The indications as a whole are very favorable for the advancement of the best interests of the country. The great benefit on the 4th is very promising for our crops and the prosperity of the farming communities, also mining industries and real estate improvements. Some excitement is probable in the spring weeks from threatened strikes among the manufacturing classes, notably in the month of April. Let persons in charge of prisons have care that they are not surprised by dangerous outbreaks or insubordination in the first part of April.

CELESTIAL CALENDAR FOR MARCH, 1899.

MARCH 1—Wednesday. This month opens with generally good conditions for conduct of business, though baffling circumstances attend the prosecution of business relating to fancy and ornamental goods, musical merchandise, and also the pursuit of the fine arts; beware of making any matrimonial engagement at this time nor expect much enjoyment from the pursuit of pleasure or amusements.

2—Thursday. One of the most excellent days of the month. REGULUS advises all of his friends to take advantage of the bright and cheering influences of this day to enter with zeal on their various pursuits in life; buy goods for trade, engage in new enterprises, speculate if the nativity be fairly favorable; deal with judges, counsellors, ecclesiastics and traders in wool and woollens; prosecute mathematical and scientific studies; deal with the intellectual classes, booksellers, publishers and printers; publish literary productions and do all important correspondence; let all persons of an ingenious or inventive turn of mind use the influences of this day for their most important steps; for inaugurating principal moves, experimenting with apparatus; making applications for patents, or dealing in stocks or properties concerning such things or any kind of chemical or mechanical contrivances, providing thy nativity is in harmony at this time and is not radically opposed to such moves.

3—Friday. Continue thine efforts of yesterday with increased vigor on this day; specially urge the mechanical pursuits, deal in machinery, electrical apparatus, cutlery, fire-arms, hardware, musical merchandise, artistic and decorative wares, household adornments, fancy goods and wearing apparel; consult thy dentist, tailor, milliner and dress-maker. The day is a superior one and artful walks. It is favorable for making the matrimonial engagements, leading thy fair one to the altar, engaging in dramatic enterprises and pursuing the fine arts in any direction.

4—Saturday. Be not rash in word or act during the first half of this day; travel as little as possible and do thou seek no advantage at the hands of officers of state, merchants, travelers, teachers, or ingenuous persons in charge of great public works.

5—Sunday. Seek nothing but rest and quiet during all of this day. It is not favorable as a birthday anniversary and all persons claiming it or who were born about the 10th of March, June, September, or December of past years, should be careful of serious pecuniary losses, straitened conditions of finances, or impairments of health for several weeks to come; to many of these is due the caution that they shall be very guarded in their acts and so cautious in their associations as not to damage themselves or their good name and honor among their fellow men; let all such be on the alert against deceit or being misled into holding evil communications, for there is extreme danger that many of these will in the passing months of their life stoop to doing acts that not only besmirch the mind or reflect discredit upon the reputation but injure their best interests in life; let them bear patiently the ills they have rather than by changing thy evils they know not of; annoying disappointments in their affairs may reasonably be expected for a season, so they will need to practice patience and still be persevering in their honorable efforts for their welfare. Ladies born should beware of forming matrimonial engagements in these passing weeks and be especially careful of new associations and of making new acquaintances.

6—Monday. A very favorable day for the vigorous prosecution of general business, being particularly fortunate in the afternoon hours for buying goods for trade and for attention to matters of finance and the adjustment of accounts and evidences of money indebtedness.

7—Tuesday. The middle part of this day bids thee patience under any species of excitement; avoiding disputes and contention of any kind. Give preference to the afternoon and evening for all mental labor of consequence and for dealing with persons in the literary pursuits; notwithstanding the fact that the literary pursuits are for a few days experiencing unusual embarrassments or persons in the literary walks of life are meeting more misfortunes than usual. It is apprehended that death will come here to some one or more of the literati of prominence in the world.

8—Wednesday. This day should be improved for principal ventures in music, art and all the polite professions, also for antiquarian researches and dealings with eccentric persons and inventors; be watchful of the purse in the late hours when no investment should be made for profit.

9—Thursday. Quite a favorable day for the agricultural classes also for engagements with landlords and in matters connected with houses and lands; deal with plumbers and the laboring classes generally; buy materials for building or construction, coal, wood, lumber and agricultural products.

10—Friday. Not a promising day; cautioning avoidance of disputes and domestic infelicities especially in natiivities susceptible in this respect; seek no favor from railroad officials nor from persons high in public office.

11—Saturday. Lose no time in the first two-thirds of this day but urge thine affairs of all kinds to the utmost, giving preference to the morning hours for thy principal ventures in the mechanical pursuits; deal with manufacturers, surgeons, cutlers, tanners, chemists and druggists when also trade in cattle, metals and machinery. The latter part of the day is less to be depended upon and matters of importance are best postponed. Ventures of all kinds are likely to meet with some embarrassment or hindrance to progress in the last hours of the day; beware of making any money investment at such time if you would gain profit or advantage therefrom.

12—Sunday. This day is unusually benevolent, particularly inviting communion with the poet, musician and artist, and giving special appreciation of the beautiful in religion, nature and art.

13—Monday. A day of increased mental excitement; the mind is likely to be rash and quarrels are easily provoked; keep a civil tongue, be slow to take offense, avoid all controversy, be not careless with fire, be deliberate in judgment and particularly avoid rashness or impulsiveness in business ventures; use the evening hours for negotiations pertaining to landed property, mines, coal, or lumber.

14—Tuesday. Conflicting influences prevail on this day and more than ordinary circumspection should be exercised in all thine undertakings of much magnitude; indeed, a little procrastination at this time will be likely to prove rather more salutary than unwise. REGULUS particularly charges those who claim this as the anniversary of their birthday or who were born about the 14th of June, September, or December of past years, to exercise the best of care in all matters of health and finance; the female portion so born, if married, will need to be watchful against serious trouble through their husbands or in the marriage and domestic relations, and lovers who were born at such times are likely to experience unhappiness through their intended partners unless extremely careful. Disappointment or deceit through them are threatened. Males born at or about such times should now see to it that business ruptures and changes do not come from acts of theirs and should not at this time begin important undertakings but be satisfied with their present lot rather than seek now to improve it by new ventures.

15—Wednesday. Dramatists, musicians, artists, jewelers, upholsterers, and furniture dealers are just at this time "under a pecuniary ban," experience losses or embarrassments and will need to exercise unusual caution; it will be well for theatrical managers and artists if they defer for a few days entering into important professional engagements. The last two-thirds of the day encourages the mechanical and chemical pursuits, also dealings of minor character with cutlers, military men and generally those whose avocations are conducted by use of fire and sharp instruments or machinery.

16—Thursday. Seek advantage from thine employer during the forenoon when also ask favors from public officials and persons in authority in great corporations.

17—Friday. Avoid the morning hours for any venture of magnitude but as the noon hour is passed, let every moment be improved for forwarding the principal undertakings; the day then is peculiarly propitious for the artist and literati alike and should be fully employed in these respects; special efforts should be given also to enterprises pertaining to the scientific pursuits and such as are concerned with the elegant occupations or polite arts; purchase wearing apparel and fancy and ornamental goods.

18—Saturday. Conditions are decidedly baffling on this day and it is better to defer matters of much importance until a more promising time; make no contracts concerning houses or lands, nor have any dealings with agriculturalists, miners or contractors.

19—Sunday. A specially fortunate Sabbath day, inducing mental activity and promoting public eloquence and the enjoyment of literary productions either in poetry or prose.

20—Monday. This day is peculiarly unpropitious and bids thee postpone important writings and correspondence and all commercial enterprises; "look twice" and avoid too hasty decisions; hold the temper and be not involved in disputes in the afternoon; let commercial men here look out for misrepresentations and bank officers scrutinize signatures, as forgers and mischief makers will be active; have care against fires and see that no harm can come through horses and dogs. Accidents upon the water are to be guarded against.

21—Tuesday. Use this day for seeking favors from thine employer or making application for advantage from persons in authority.

22—Wednesday. Have care in giving thy signature or loaning thy credit in business engagements during this day and beware of speculative purchases; the afternoon is the best part of the day.

23—Thursday. This is one of the excellent days of the month. It is the merchants' own day and also fortunate for every honorable pursuit; buy houses and lands, travel, sign writings, urge literary and scientific pursuits; deal with plumbers, tinsmiths, gardeners, and building contractors; effect contracts with printers and publishers; hire help, and do important correspondence. The very early morning is less promising.

24—Friday. Do no important writing in the last two-thirds of the day, especially concerning patents or machinery; do not involve thyself in litigation nor be hasty of speech or act, keeping the truth on thy side, no matter how great the temptation to exaggerate or misrepresent.

25—Saturday. Give preference to the forenoon hours for all commercial transactions and literary efforts. The day is indifferent in most other respects.

26—Sunday. A day in which the musical portion of religious worship will be unusually happy and effective and the mind will be unusually inclined toward the elegant in literature.

27—Monday. This day is generally propitious for using all honorable pursuits without special encouragement to any particular engagement.

28—Tuesday. Avoid litigations; use thy pen earnestly, engage in no important transactions with printers, booksellers, stationers, mathematicians, lawyers, or public writers and travel not unnecessarily; preference should be given to the artistic pursuits, and such matters as are concerned with the building or improvement of houses.

29—Wednesday. One of the very favorable days of the month; be up with the Sun and urge business vigorously throughout the day; buy goods to sell again; deal with the banker and all persons of prominence or distinction; make beginnings in important matters concerned with art, music, fancy goods, articles of adornment and generally the beautiful and elegant in life; seek audience with the ladies and lead thy fair one to the altar. REGULUS specially advises his friends to take advantage of these cheering influences and to push zealously their several affairs and pursuits in life.

30—Thursday. Improve the middle hours of this day for dealing in metals, machinery, cutlery, drugs, chemical and electrical apparatus and for pursuit of the mechanical trades and inventions; deal with engineers, machinists, carpenters, glass-workers, bakers, tailors, tanners and generally all in the mechanical pursuits; do not expect much pleasure from the drama or social entertainment.

31—Friday. The forenoon hours are the best and all general business should be prosecuted with vigor therein, but as the afternoon advances baffling influences interfere with realization of best results from engagements of those later hours.

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The State Superintendent of Public Instruction in the state where women vote is a woman. Colorado people believe that the office has never been better conducted than during the regime of Grace Espy Patton. The "Little Professor" as she is admirably termed, has chosen women as her assistants in the duties of the one office in the state held by a woman. The deputy superintendent, assistant librarian and clerk look after the routine duties of the office in an efficient manner that has silenced all jesting criticism as to the ability of four women.

The State Superintendent in Colorado is a member of the State Land Board, the State Board of Examiners and the State Board of Education and is also ex-officio State Librarian. She must visit the different counties of the state, address Teachers' Institutes, speak at commencement exercises and in all ways further the general educational interests of the state. "Professor Patton" was filling a position in the Agricultural College when she was elected to the first educational place in the state. She is a ready speaker, practical, energetic and thoroughly business-like. By many she was considered a typical "new woman," with all the common sense and independence that the term suggests. She drew her \$3,000 salary, made sweeping reforms in the administration of her office and carried out her own ideas without fear or favor.

The outbreak of the war upset all these theories of an emancipated new woman, for Miss Patton promptly and suddenly married Captain Warren Hayden Cowles of the Regular Army, to whom she had long been engaged. This act involved a legal point, for it was Grace Espy Patton whom the voters of Colorado had elected. The Attorney General declared there was no precedent for an office holder changing names and that she must perform her official duties under the name she bore when elected. Whether as "Mrs." or "Miss" it is certain that the State Superintendent of Education in the Centennial State will efficiently do the work she was selected to perform.

Samuel P. Langley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, has succeeded in making a flying machine that has actually flown three-quarters of a mile. The United States Board of Ordnance has appropriated \$25,000 for the further perfection of the idea. It is believed that a machine capable of carrying a man and of dropping high explosives into an enemy's camp is practical. The machine is called an aerodrome and in flight it looks like a huge fourteen foot bird.

Prof. Langley, like Darius Green of flying machine fame, is a Yankee. He was born in Roxbury, Mass., sixty-four years ago. He graduated at the Boston Latin School and later at the English High School. He did not pursue a college course but at once devoted himself to the study of astronomy. He made a journey in Europe and upon his return received an appointment in the observatory at Cambridge. Afterwards he was in turn Professor of Mathematics at the Naval Academy at Annapolis and Professor in the Western University of Pennsylvania. He became connected with the Smithsonian and it was his influence that led to the establishment of the National Zoological Park. He has received honorary degrees from the Universities of Michigan, Wisconsin, Harvard and Princeton. The leading scientific associations of the world have bestowed every honor at their command upon Professor Langley. He is a man of most winning address and has the respect and affection of all his business associates. It is his high scientific standing and the success he has already attained that leads the Board of Ordnance to believe he will reach a practical solution of the great problem of a flying machine.

"Cyrano de Bergerac" has scored the greatest success of any play in years. Richard Mansfield is presenting the romantic poem as a play

in all the large cities and hundreds are turned away daily, unable to secure a seat. The author of the play is Monsieur Edmond Rostand of Paris. One year ago his fame did not extend beyond Paris. To-day no author in the world is better known. It is the phenomenal success of "Cyrano" that has brought fame. M. Rostand is but thirty years of age. His family are noted for their practical grasp of affairs. M. Rostand was educated in Paris where he prepared for the practice of law but the poet nature rebelled against the routine and in 1890 he made his first venture in literature. These plays had been written and acted upon the Paris stage before the great success of "Cyrano" made its author world known. M. Rostand is not a rich man although his lavish expenditure of the money that has come to him has led many people to think he is. He phrases it "only a spendthrift." "Cyrano" is founded upon actual history, but the romance, the poetry of the play make its success in this matter-of-fact age somewhat remarkable.

A. H. Savage Landor, who is making a lecture tour in England and will soon come to this country, has demonstrated that even this prosaic nineteenth century has material for thrilling romances. Ever since Sir John Mandeville wrote his book of travels in the fourteenth century, restless Englishmen have been traveling and then writing about it. No stranger tale has been told in any of the centuries than Landor's adventures in the forbidden land of Thibet. No white man may enter this Asian plateau or set foot within the sacred city of Thassa on pain of death. This the young Englishman essayed to do and his adventures are set forth in a book entitled "In the Forbidden Land. An Account of a Journey into Thibet; Captured by the Thibetan Lamas and Soldiers; Imprisonment, Torture and Ultimate Release." Mr. Landor's lecture deals with the same exciting scenes. Mr. Landor is a young man and a grandson of the famous English author of the same name. He is slight and dark with characteristics that suggest the Italians among whom he has spent the most of his life. He lives at a village near Florence where he cultivates vines and olives. This is only in the intervals between his constant travels. Intensity seems the key note to his character. To see, to know, to feel all that life can give has been the motive power to his ceaseless activity. Ordinary discomforts have no significance to him, even torture and fear of immediate death could not turn his mind from its purpose. His first journey was to the island of Yezo and a very entertaining book followed. Another trip through Japan and the East, furnished material for a number of pictures painted in those countries. These were exhibited in London. Mr. Alfred Harmsworth, a magazine proprietor of London, became interested in Mr. Landor's work and with the idea of providing "copy" for his magazine, he equipped the expedition that left England in the spring of 1897. Mr. Landor had trained himself in the use of the sextant and intended to explore the head waters of the Bramaputra. He entered the Thibetan plateau, the country of God as the Lamas call it, from northern India. He came back prematurely aged, haggard and wan. He did not reach the Sacred City but he did discover the head waters of the Bramaputra and collected some data as to mountain elevation and the location of some lakes. Within less than a year he had met adventures and horrible experiences that seem hardly possible in this century. Mr. Landor will not fail to interest people because he tells a story that has never been told before.

Mary Leiter was well known in the society of Washington and New York as a beauty and an heiress. With the Leiter millions back of her it seemed that she might make a brilliant international marriage, and when she became Mrs. Curzon the public was somewhat disappointed. A bright young Englishman but no title—and no wealth. Now Lady Curzon bows to no one except the Queen of England. As Vicereine of India she takes precedence next to

the Empress whom she represents. Her palace in Calcutta contains a throne room with an immense throne for Queen Victoria and two smaller thrones for the Viceroy and Vicereine. On state occasions Lady Curzon wears a crown. With plumes in her hair, a train of enormous length and all the jewels she can wear the Vicereine presents a really queenly air. The transformation of an American girl into a semi-royalty presents food for thought.

Occasionally the "dramatis persona" of international marriages are reversed in their national relations and it is the American man who marries the foreign woman. This has been the case with Mr. William Widgery Thomas our Minister to Sweden. During his first official term at the court of King Oscar he married the charming Swedish woman whose grace and affability have been no small factors in her husband's later success. Miss Dagmar Elizabeth Torneblad was the daughter of Dagmar Torneblad, knight and nobleman of Sweden and manager of the National Bank of that country. Mr. Thomas speaks Swedish fluently and so effectively that the handsome fair-haired young Swedish belle consented to become his wife in 1889. She has since then resided some time in this country where her tact, her sunniness and her warm-hearted courtesy made her scores of friends in the land of her adoption.

There were many acts of heroism and self-denial in the late war that have been unheralded by the newspapers. The search light of publicity has hardly been thrown upon the woman whom the soldiers named the "Good Angel of Porto Rico." Margaret Astor Chanler bears a well-known name and is a great-great-granddaughter to the original John Jacob Astor. She inherits the Astor wealth and has a personal income of \$30,000 per year. She also inherits the restless activity that must see, know, do for itself. Her brother has made a name as an explorer as well as for fitting out a regiment and winning a seat in Congress. Miss Chanler entered the service as a volunteer nurse. No duty was too hard for this delicately reared woman. By the operating table, in fever haunted camps and in camps of detention she worked. Life to her means the reality of struggle, heroism, self sacrifice and even death if it chances. Miss Chanler has made no public parade of her work. She has given freely of her wealth and she has illustrated the truth "He gives twice who gives himself." She is a tall, slender woman, brown haired and brown eyed, with the earnest, thoughtful look of those who know from personal experience that life is real, life is earnest.

Mexico is the only republic of Spanish origin that has a government in any degree stable. General Porfirio Diaz is at the head of 15,000,000 of people—yet no humble laborer works harder than this man. General Diaz is of mixed Spanish and Indian blood and shows the best traits of

both races. He fought his way upward step by step. He studied law and in order that he might obtain money to buy books he taught other lads. He advised one poor young man, "Do as I did. Study nights until two or three o'clock in the morning with your head bound up in a towel." At the head of a great sister republic, General Diaz has not given up the habits of untiring diligence that led him to the top round of success. He has the habit of giving his entire attention to the matter of the moment. It is this ability to concentrate and force his attention that gives him his facility in disposing of an amount of work that would overpower other men. He is fond of society, affable and courteous, but is obliged to forego much social intercourse in order to meet the demands of his position. General Diaz is an advanced thinker. He is progressive, a student of the age in which he lives and of his fellowmen. He is slowly evolving a "Modern Mexico" out of the old Spanish colony. It is in part owing to the personality of Diaz that Mexico seems at last to have a stable form of government.

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